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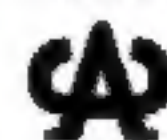
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"WHOEVER
HOLDS
THIS
HAMMER..."

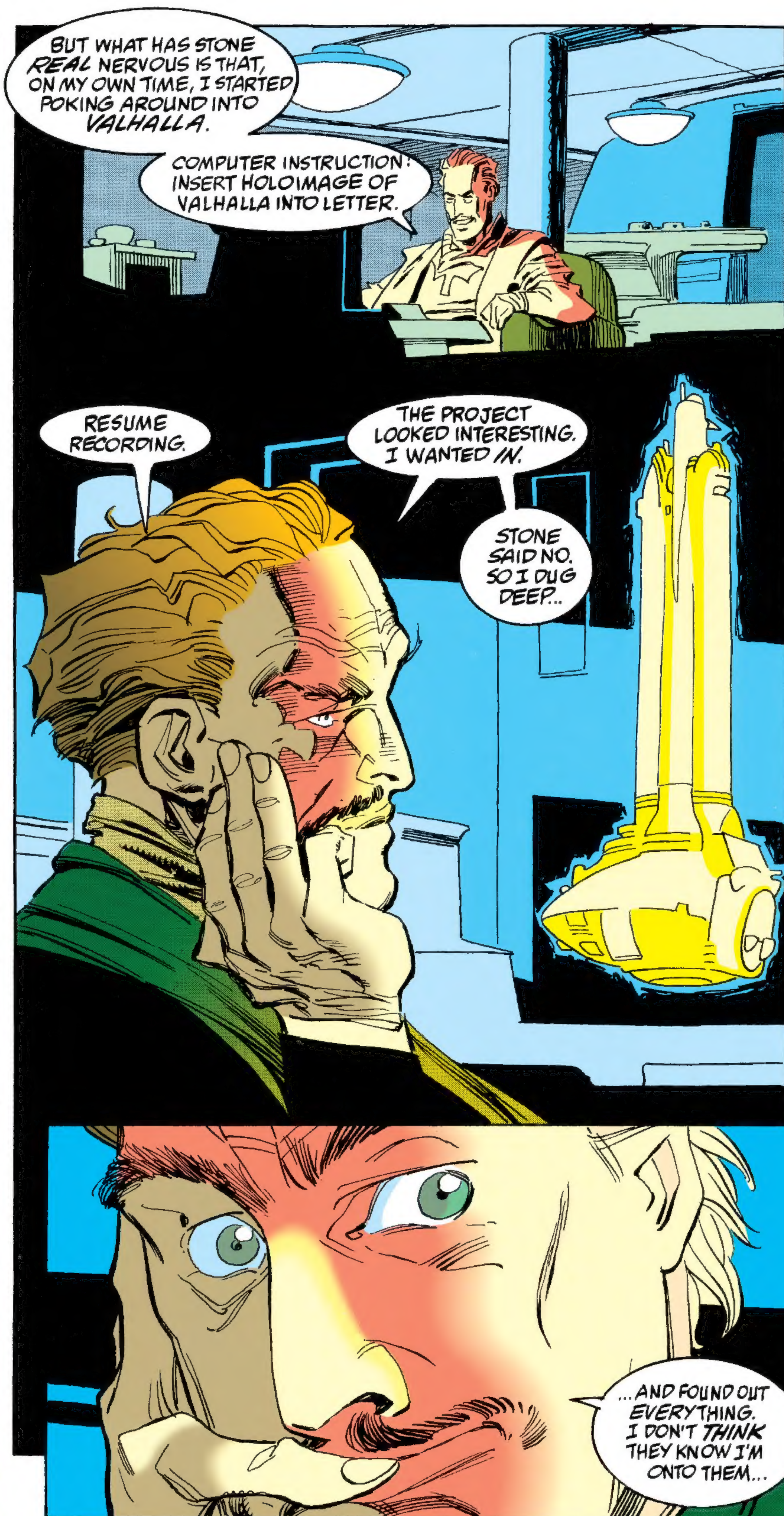
LEONARDI
WILLIAMSON



HENRI,
THINGS ARE
GETTING
STRANGER
AND
STRANGER
AT
ALCHEMAX.

MY PERSONAL
STOCK WITH
TYLER STONE
SEEMS TO
HAVE
PLUMMETED
AFTER THE
VIRTUAL
UNREALITY
DEBACLE.

AND THE
FACT THAT I
HAVEN'T
GOTTEN ON
WITH HIS
PET,
MIGUEL
O'HARA,
HASN'T
GONE
DOWN
WELL
EITHER.



BUT WHAT HAS STONE
REAL NERVOUS IS THAT,
ON MY OWN TIME, I STARTED
POKING AROUND INTO
VALHALLA.

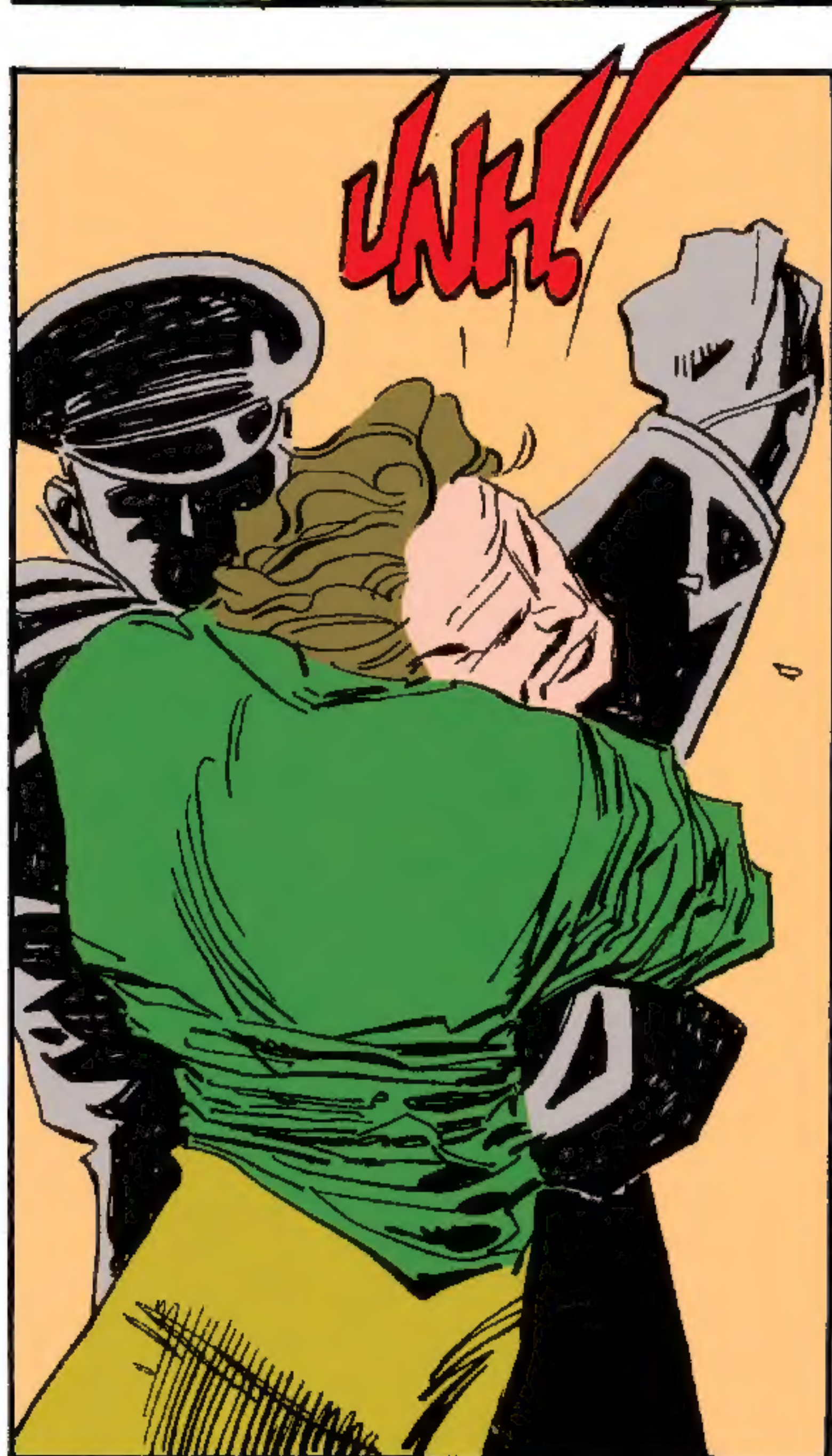
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VALHALLA INTO LETTER.

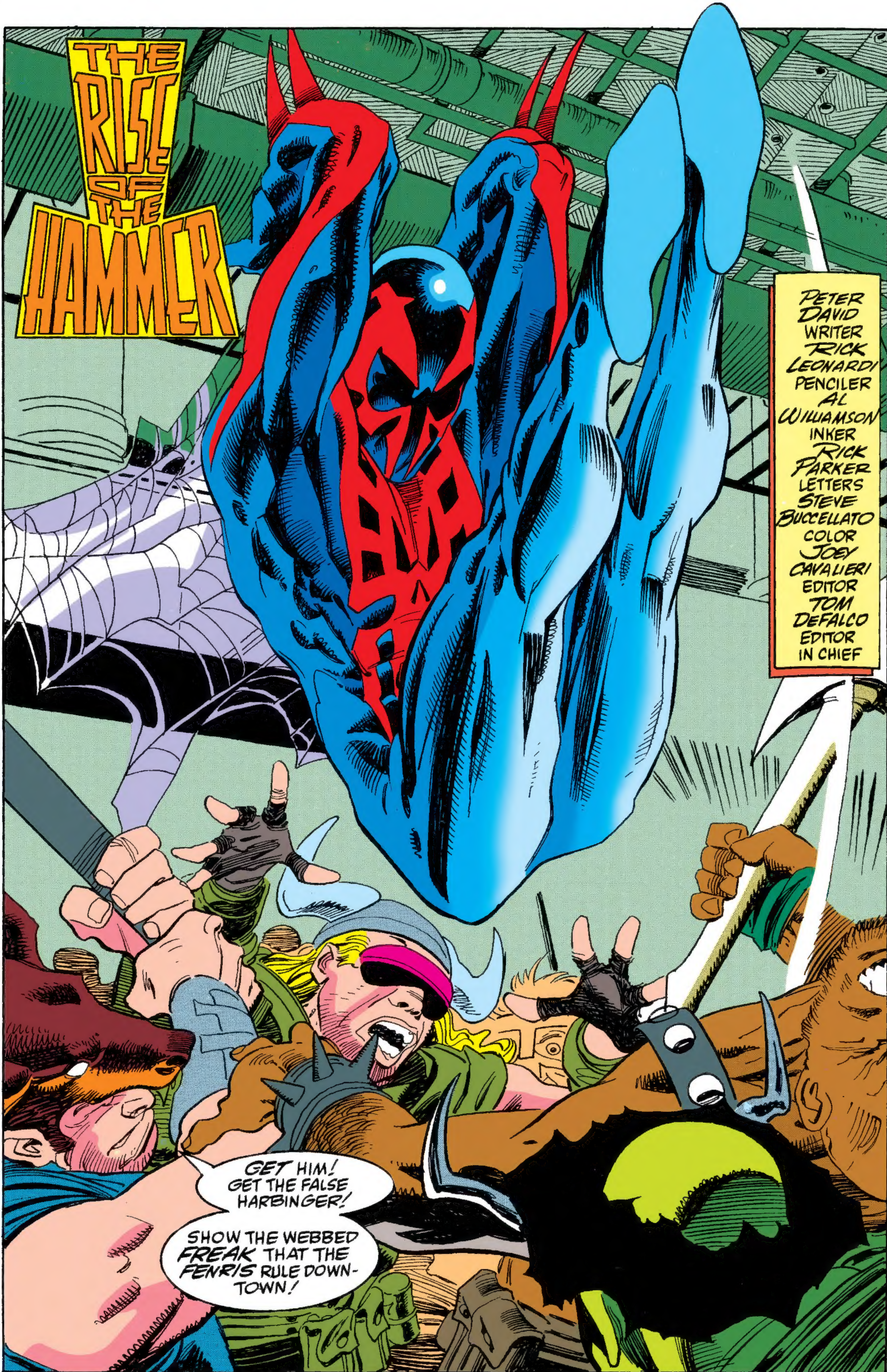
RESUME
RECORDING.

THE PROJECT
LOOKED INTERESTING.
I WANTED IN.

STONE
SAID NO.
SO I DUG
DEEP...

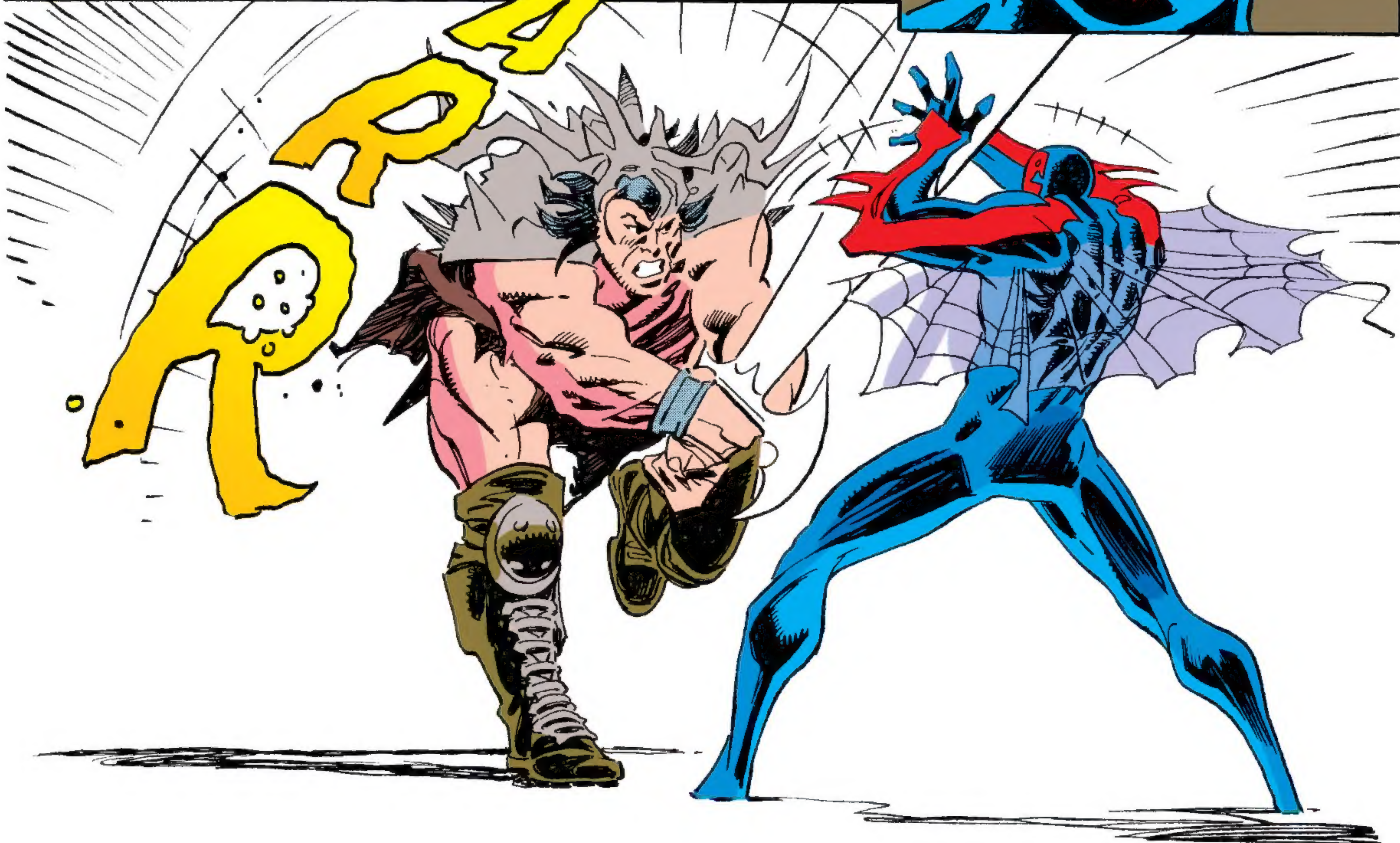
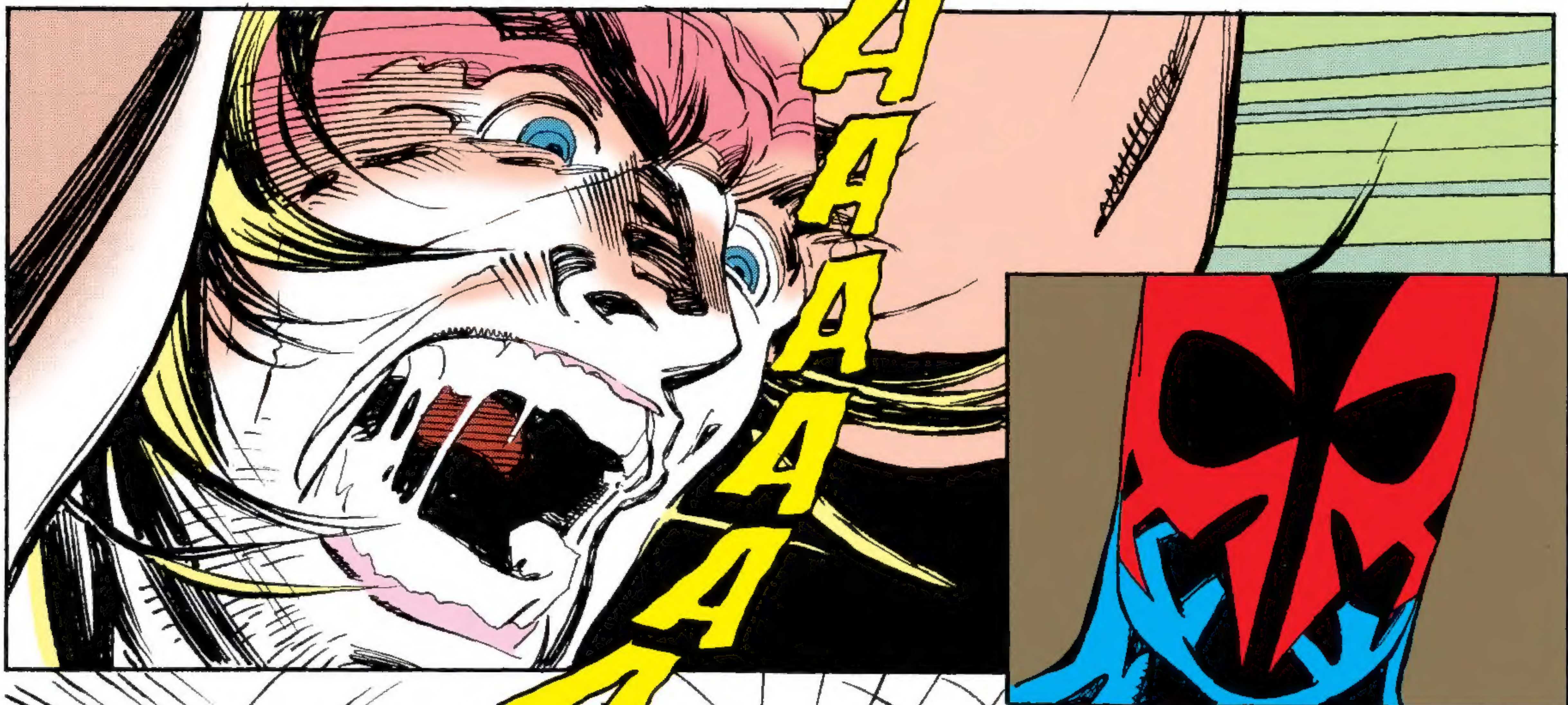
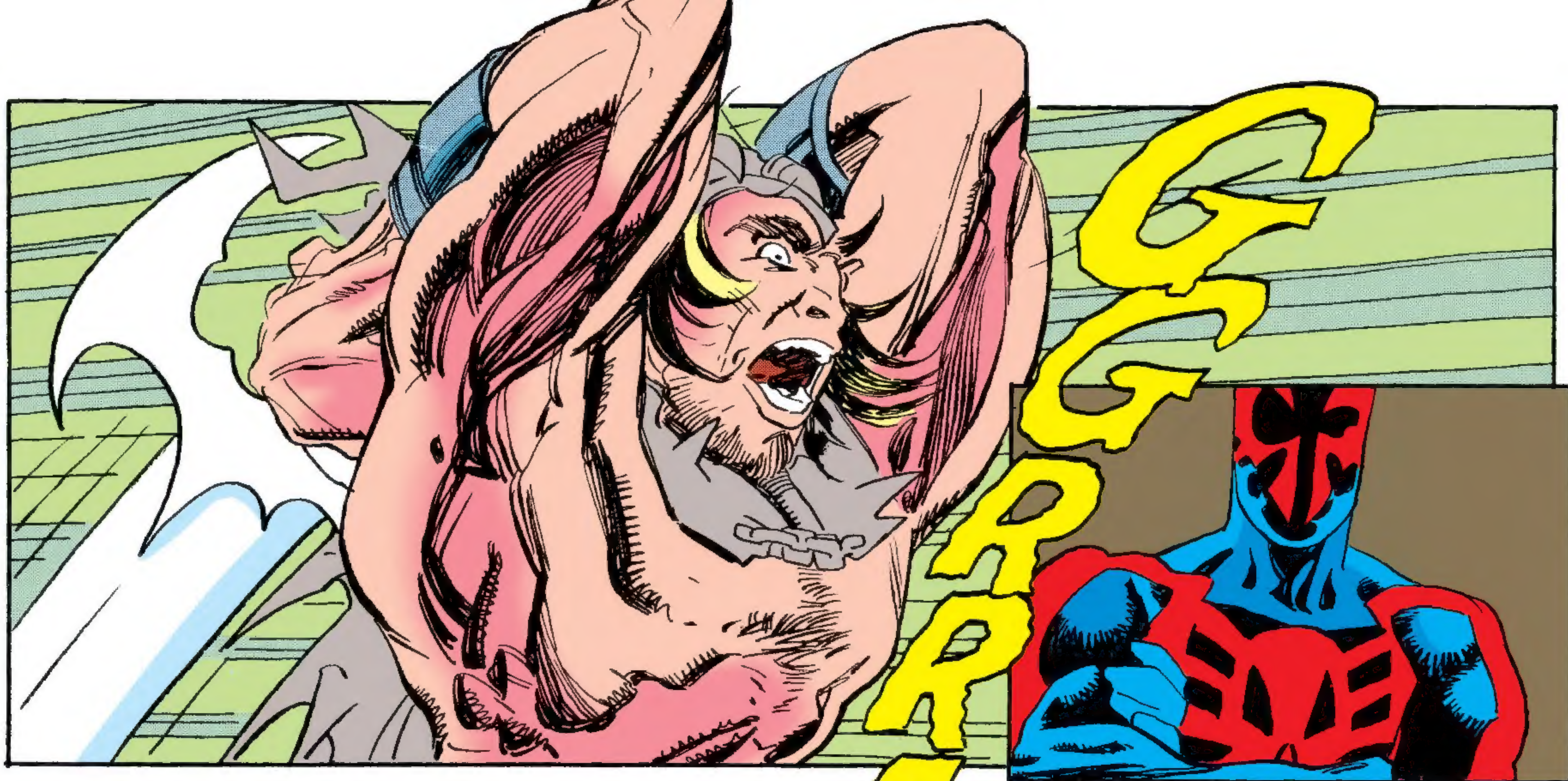
...AND FOUND OUT
EVERYTHING.
I DON'T THINK
THEY KNOW I'M
ONTO THEM...

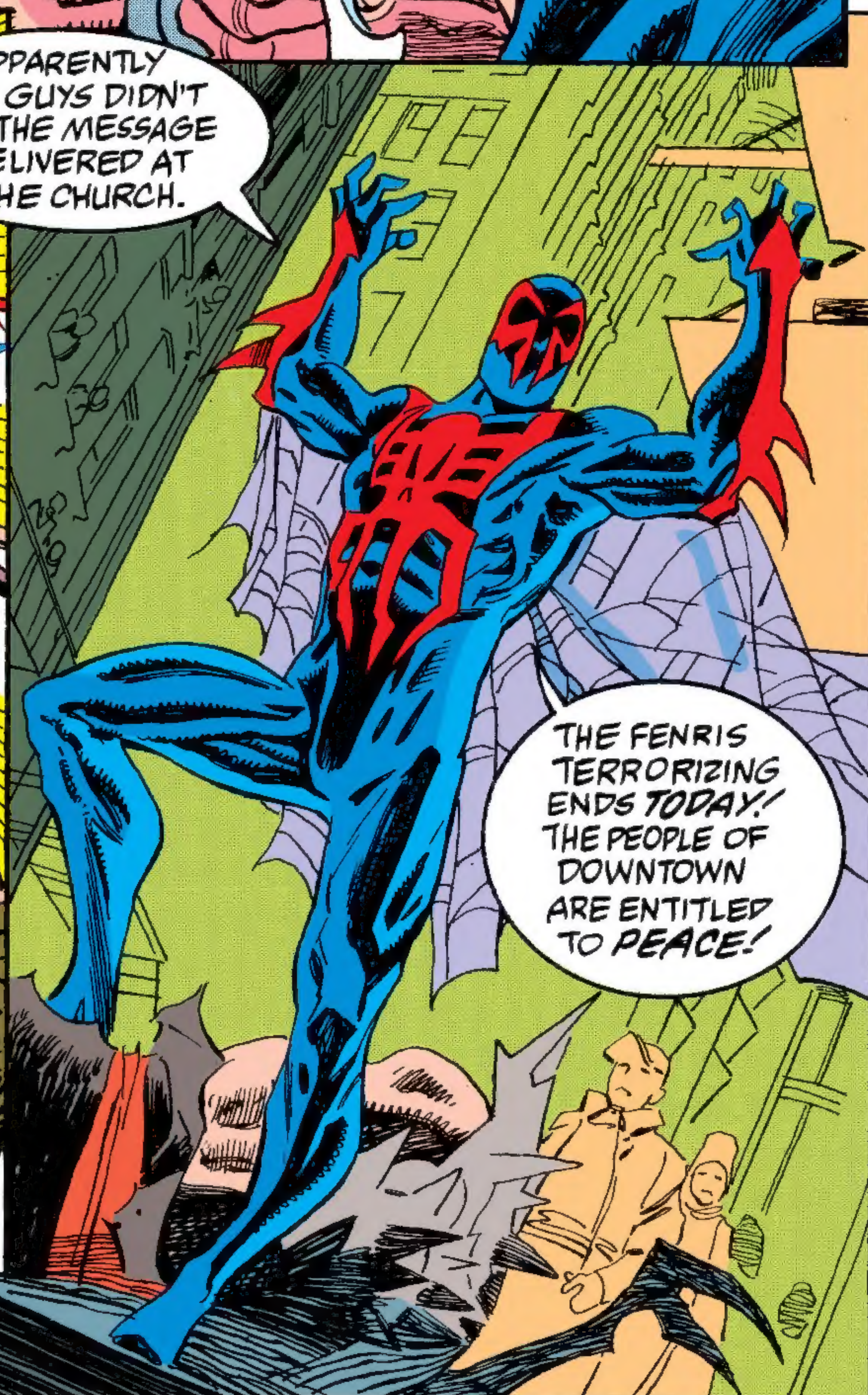
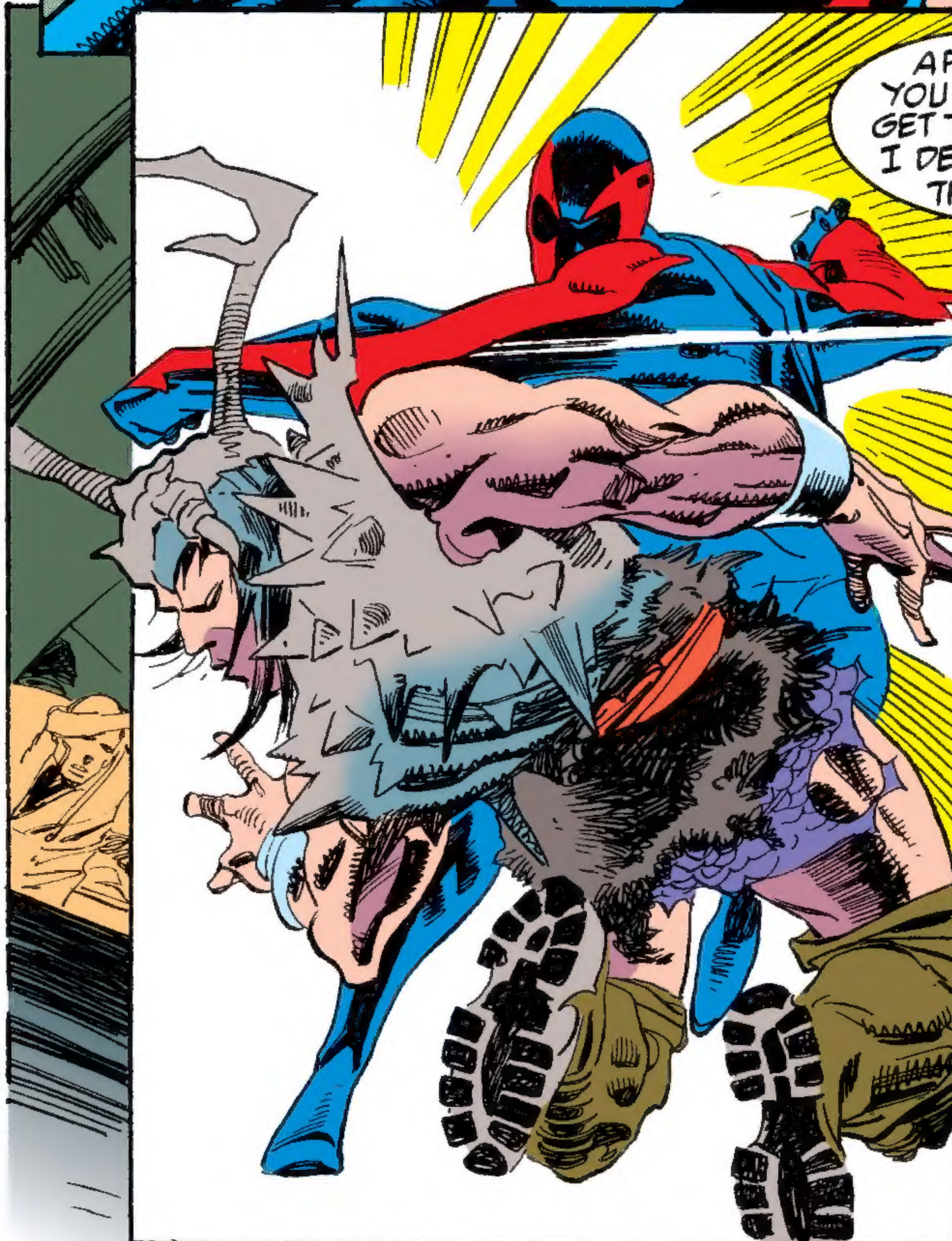
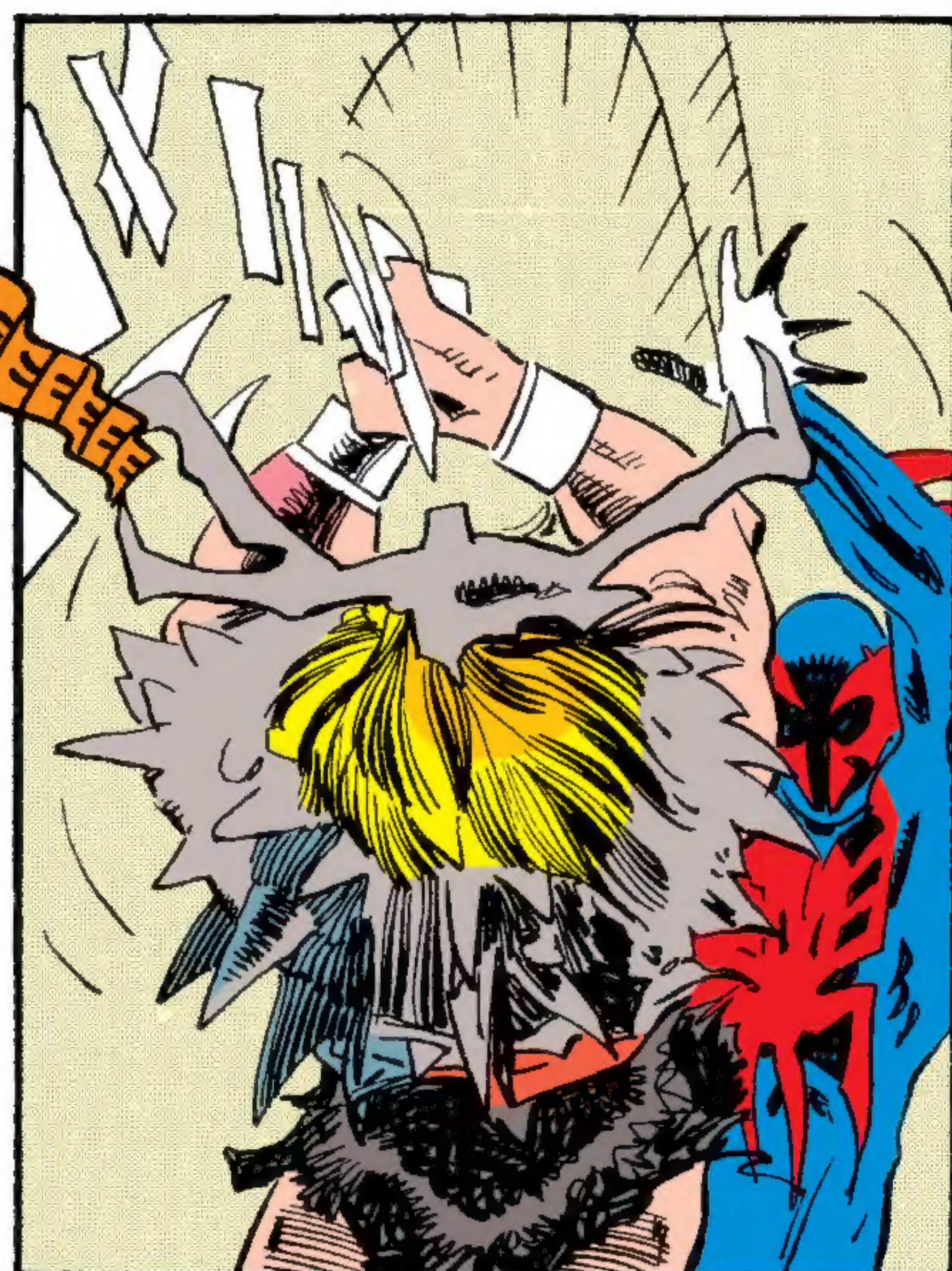
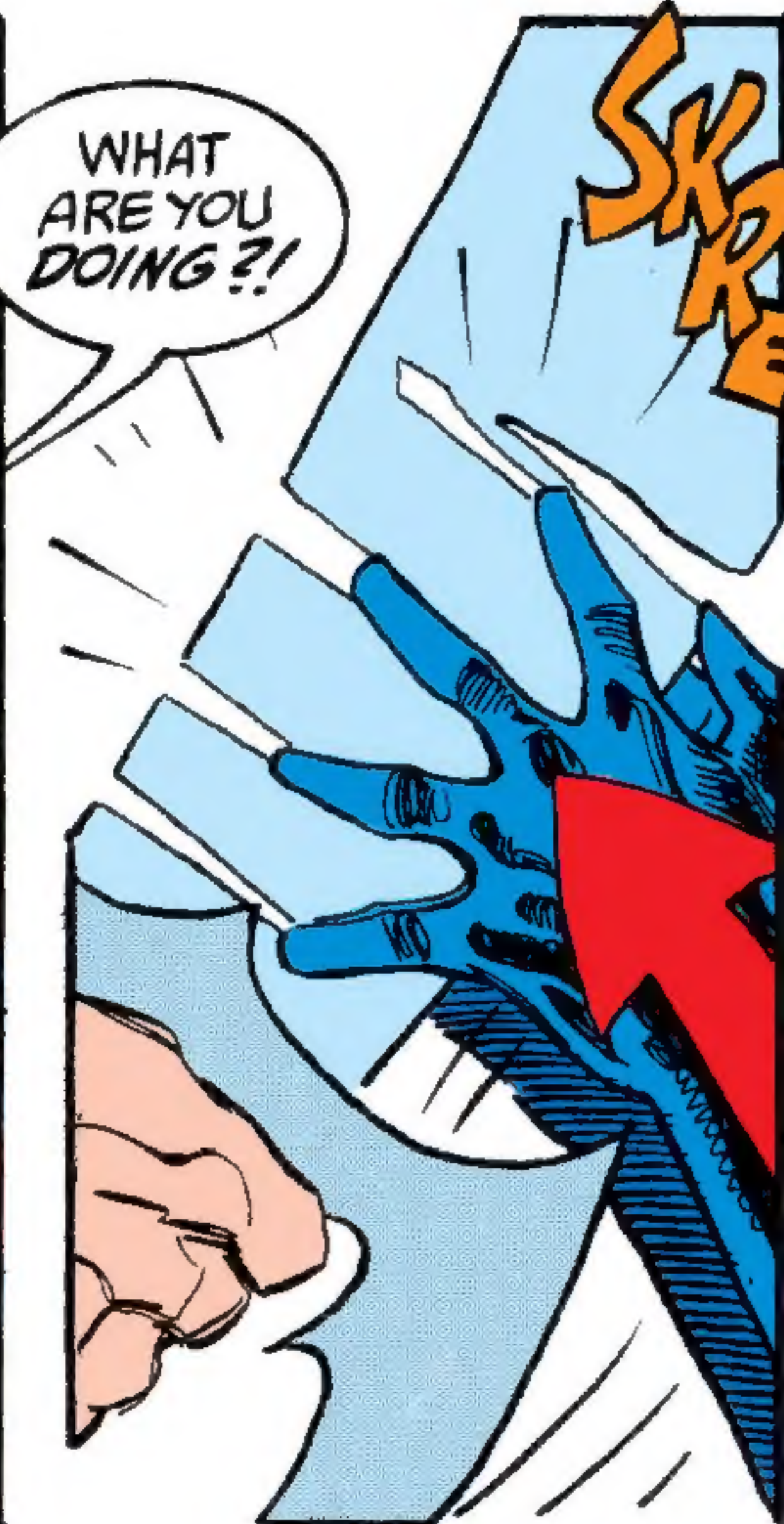


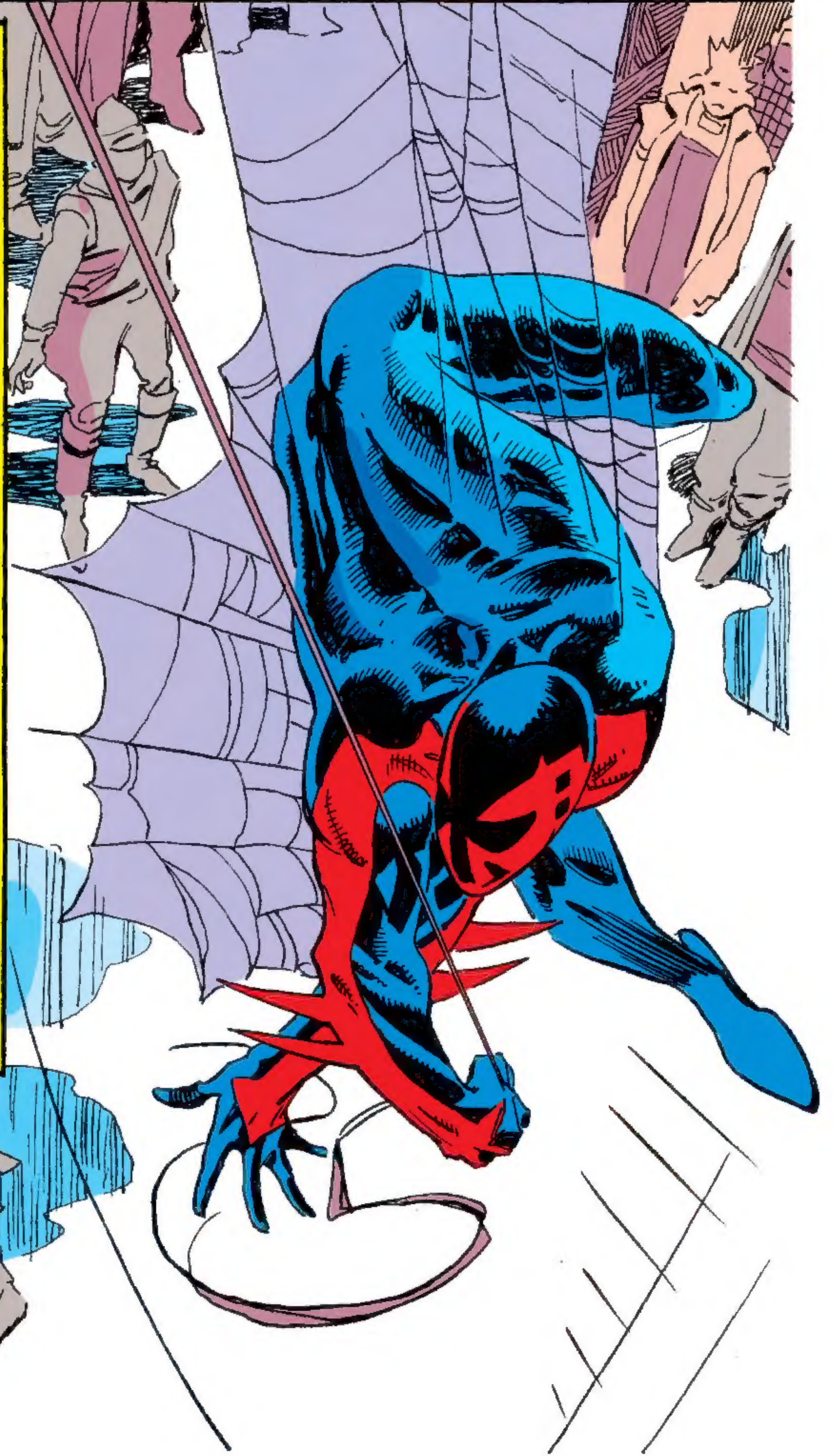
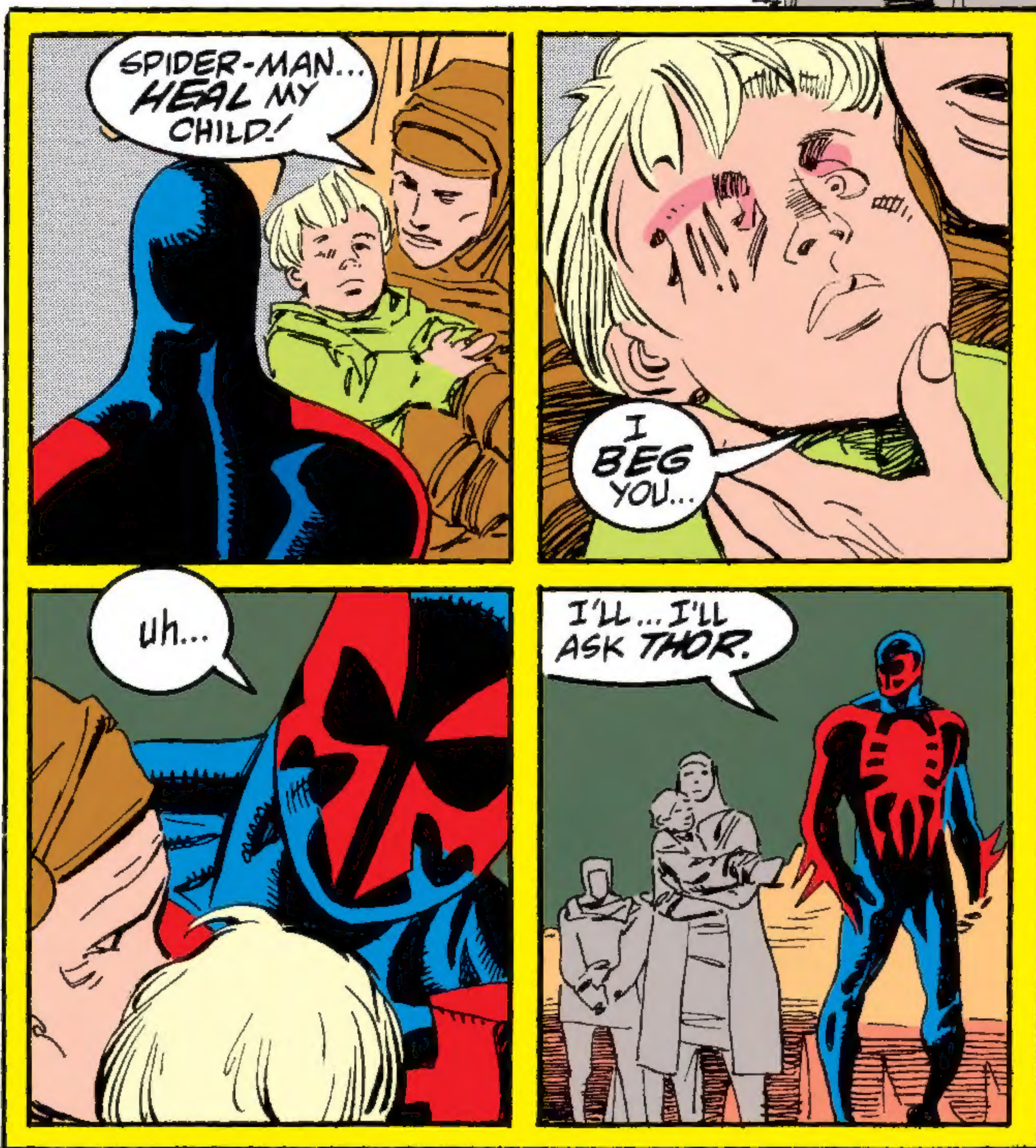
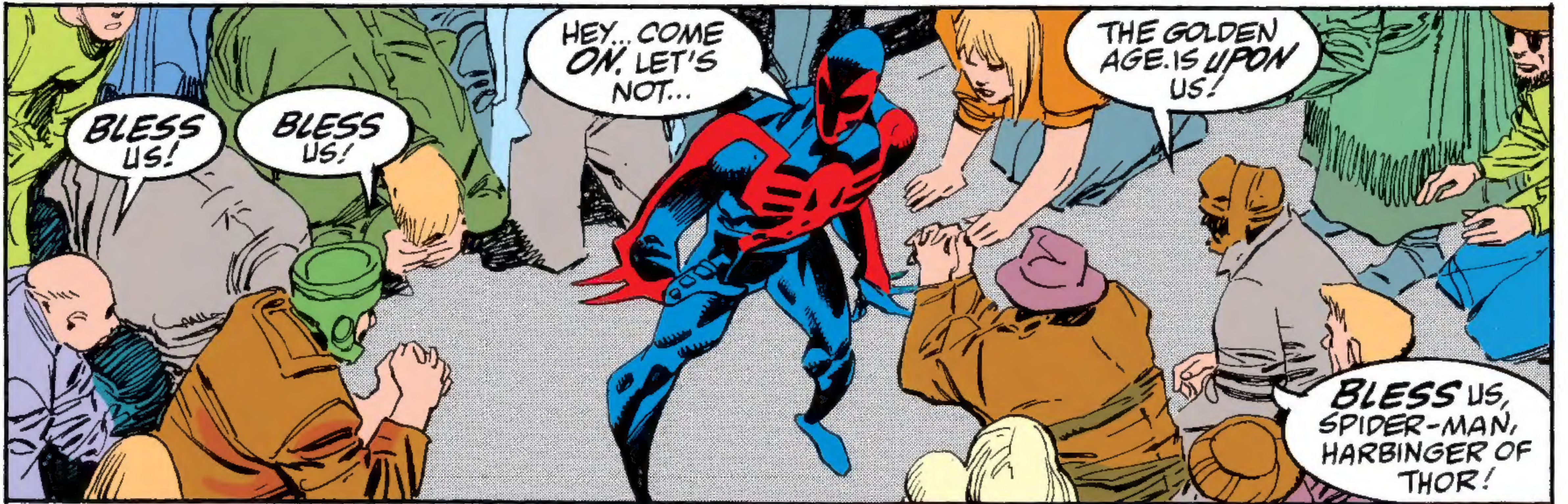


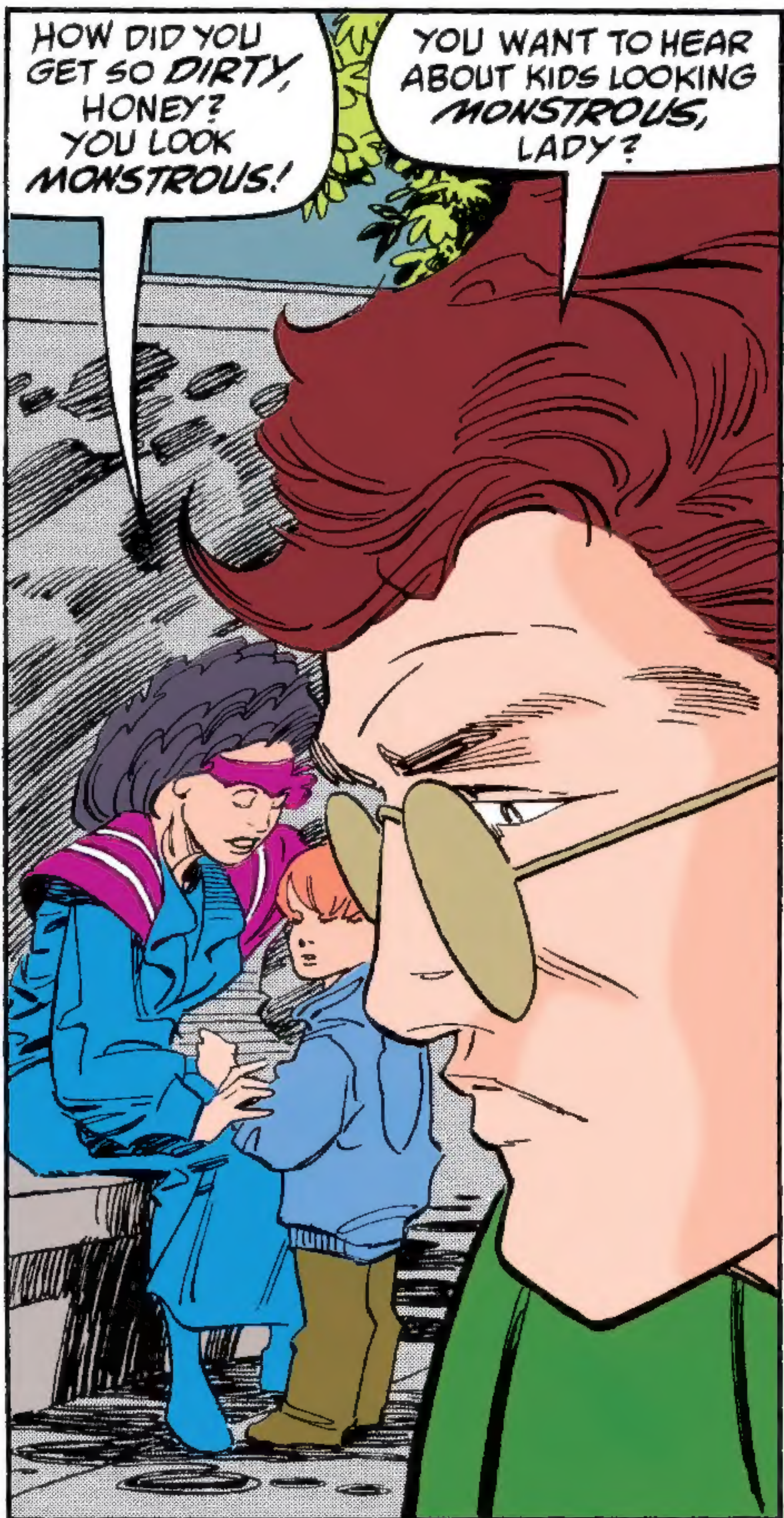
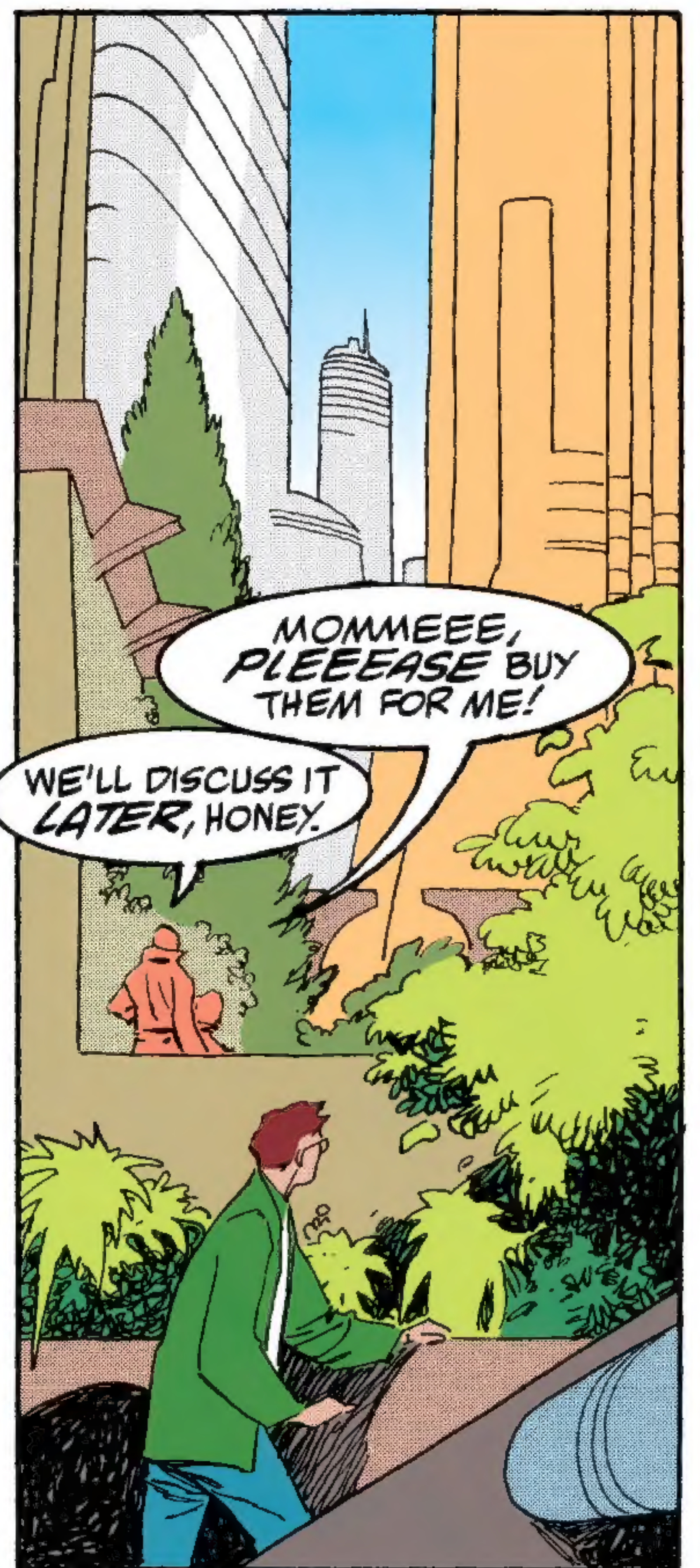
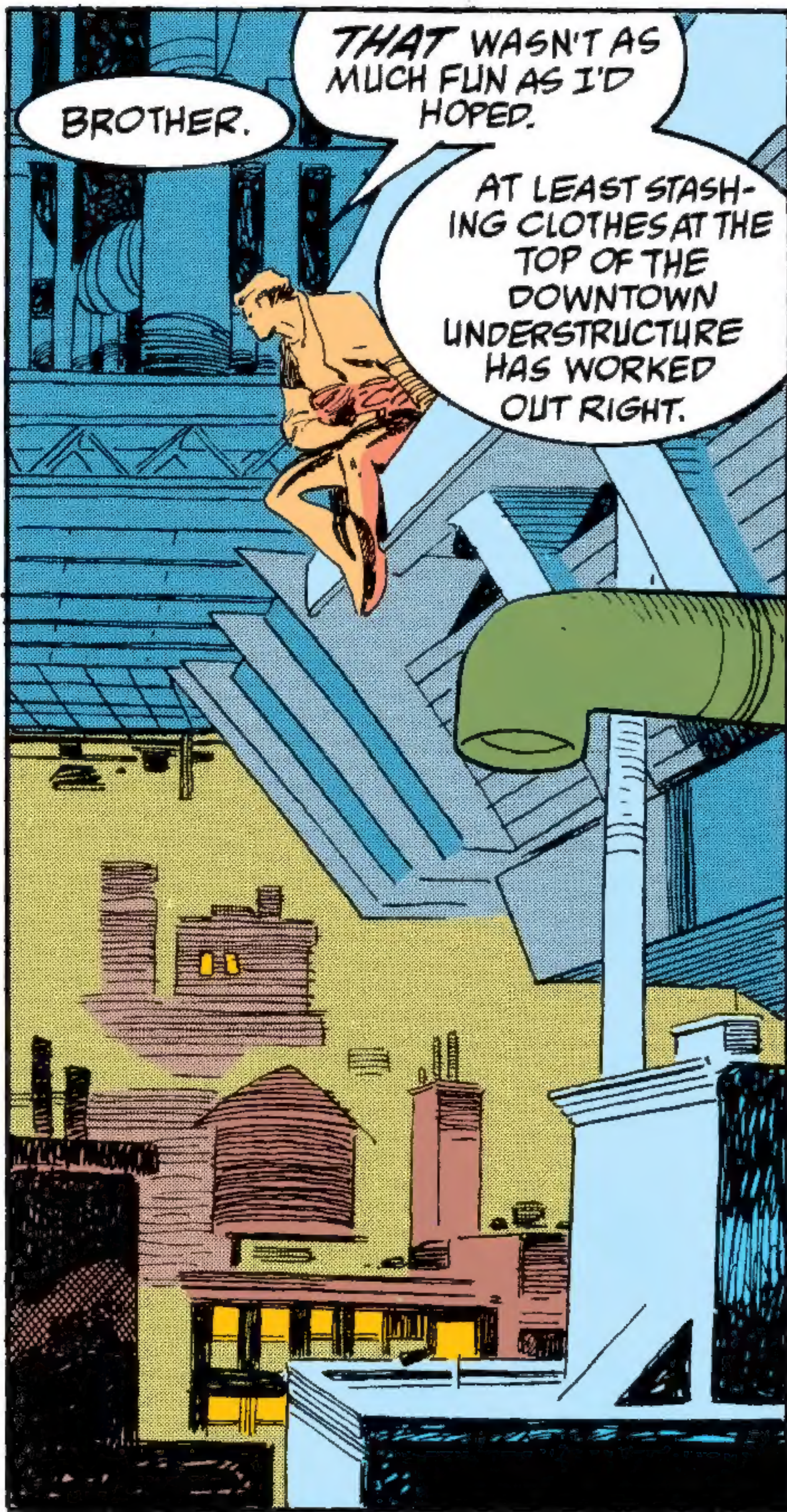


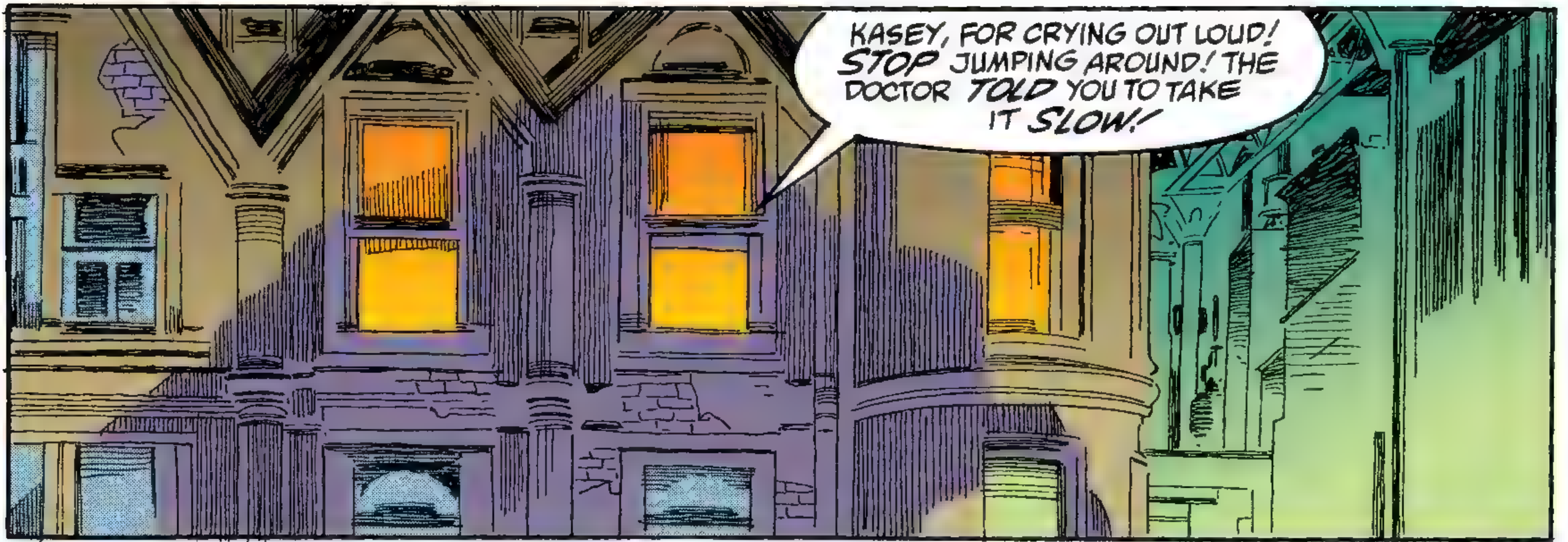




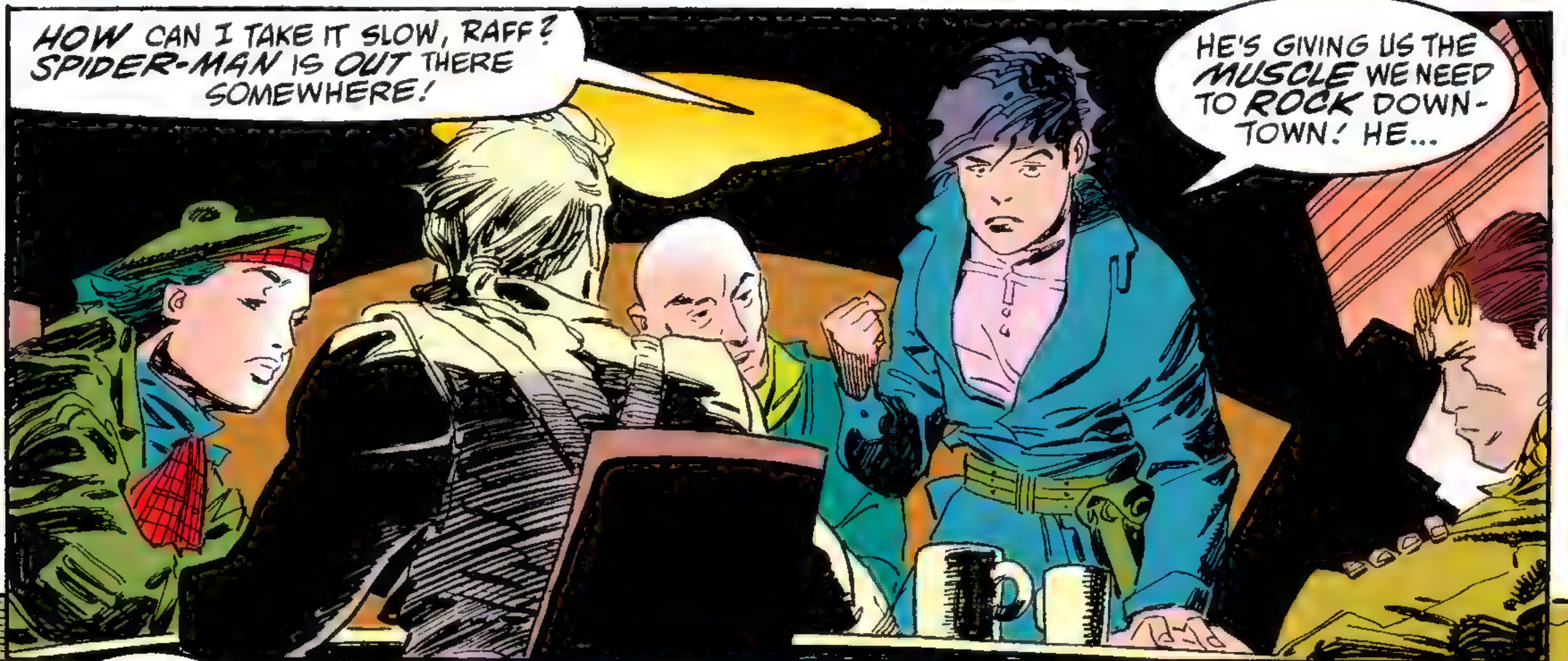








KASEY, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
STOP JUMPING AROUND! THE
DOCTOR TOLD YOU TO TAKE
IT SLOW!



HOW CAN I TAKE IT SLOW, RAFF?
SPIDER-MAN IS OUT THERE
SOMEWHERE!

HE'S GIVING US THE
MUSCLE WE NEED
TO ROCK DOWN-
TOWN! HE...



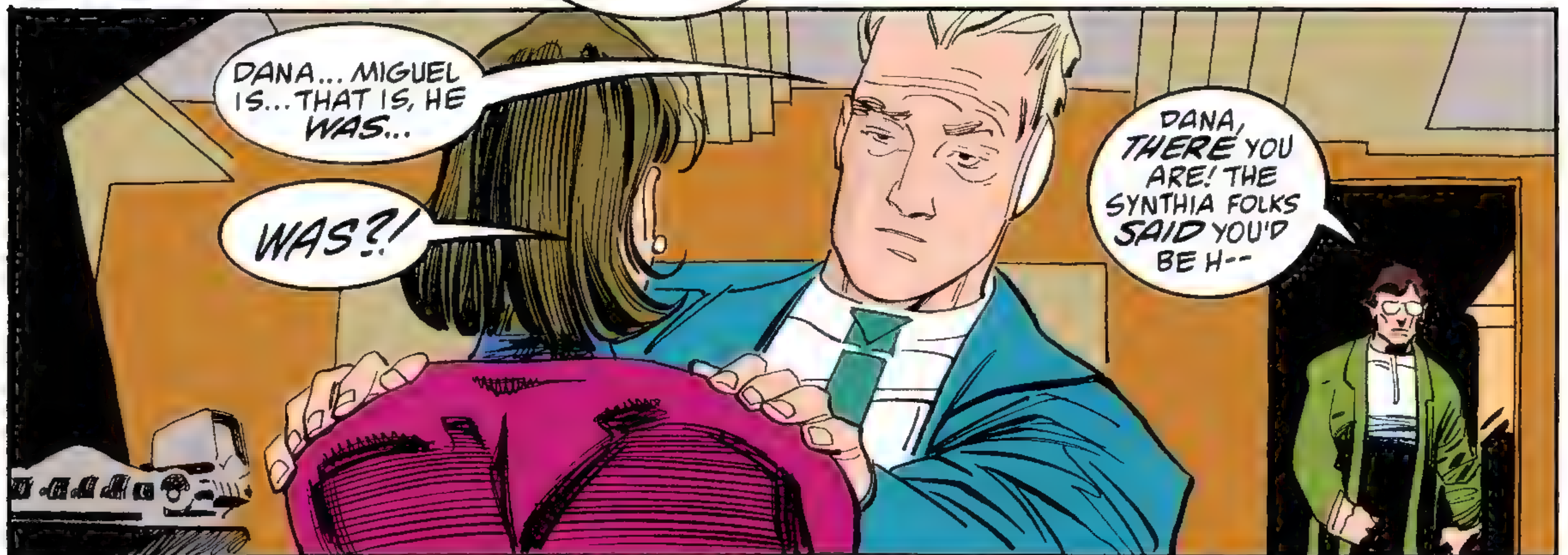
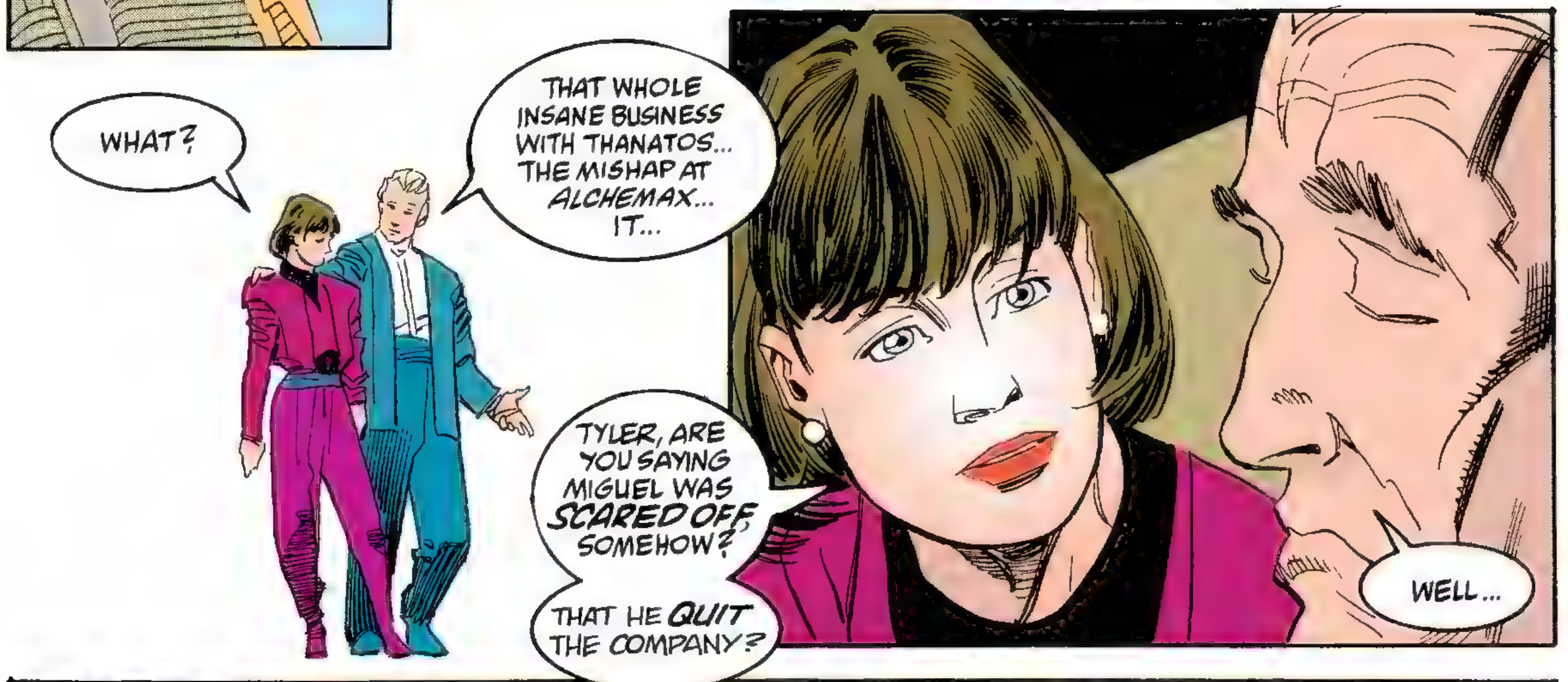
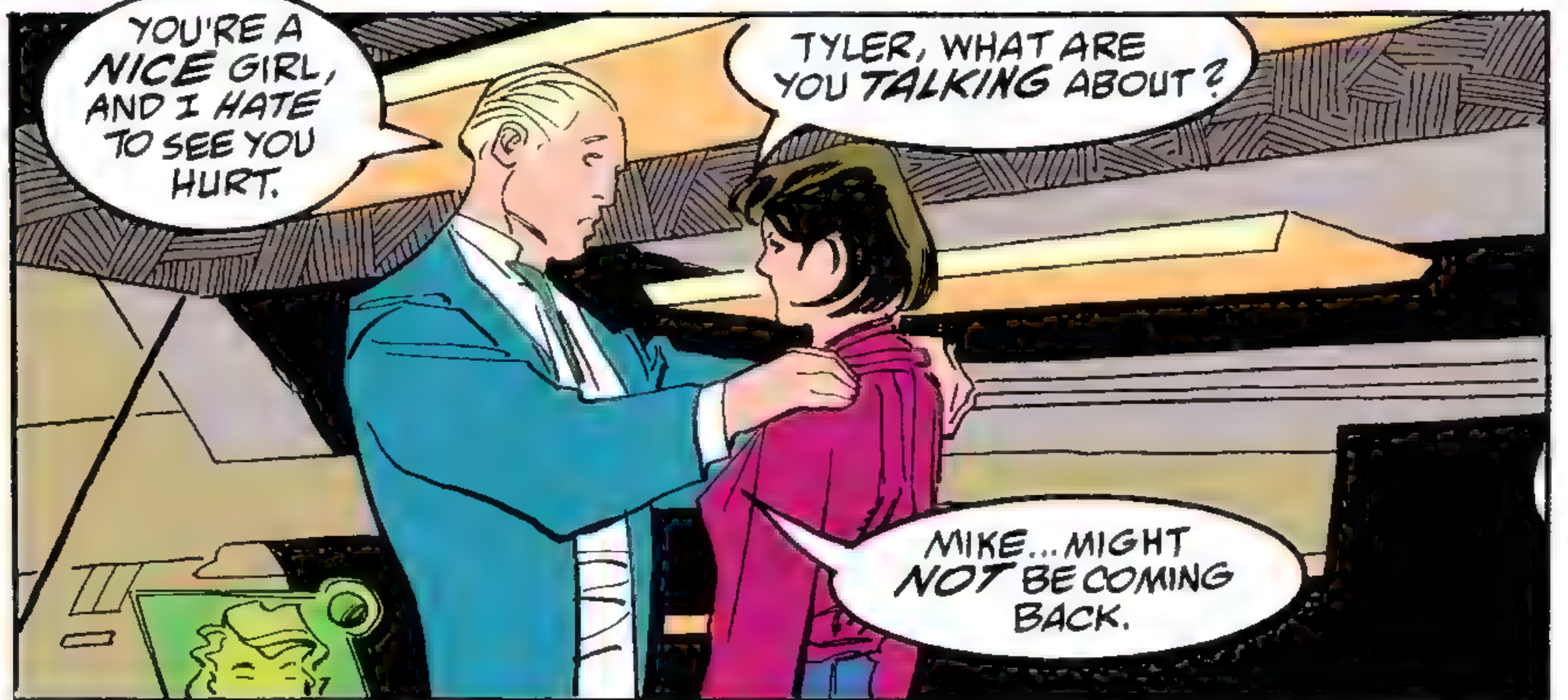
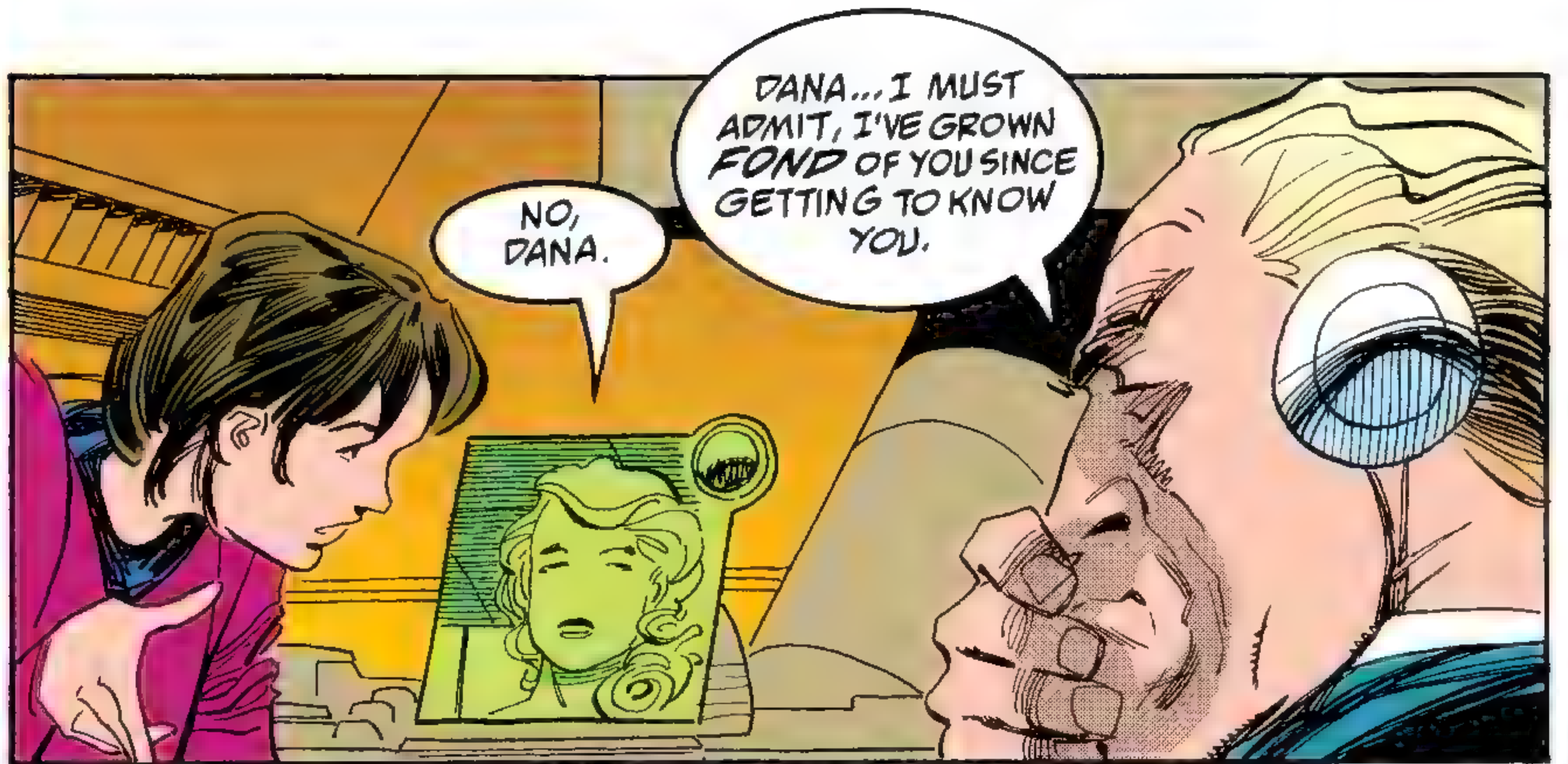
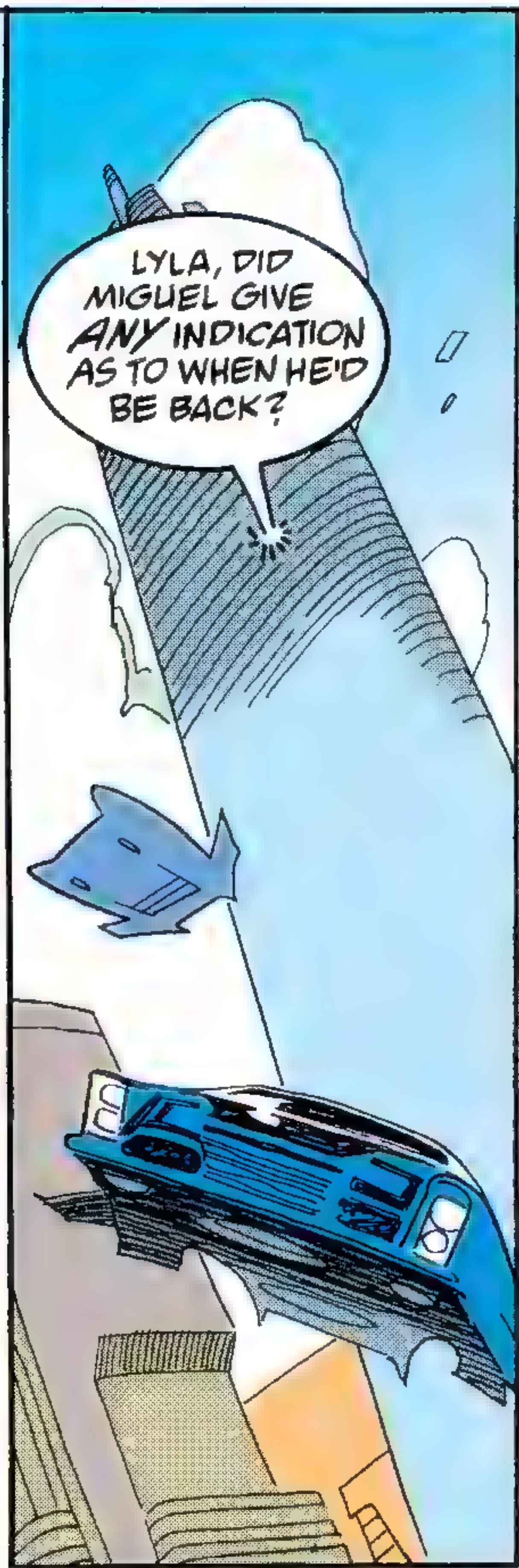
WHY DON'T
YOU JUST
MARRY
THE GUY THEN?!
JUST GO OFF
WITH HIM
ALREADY?!

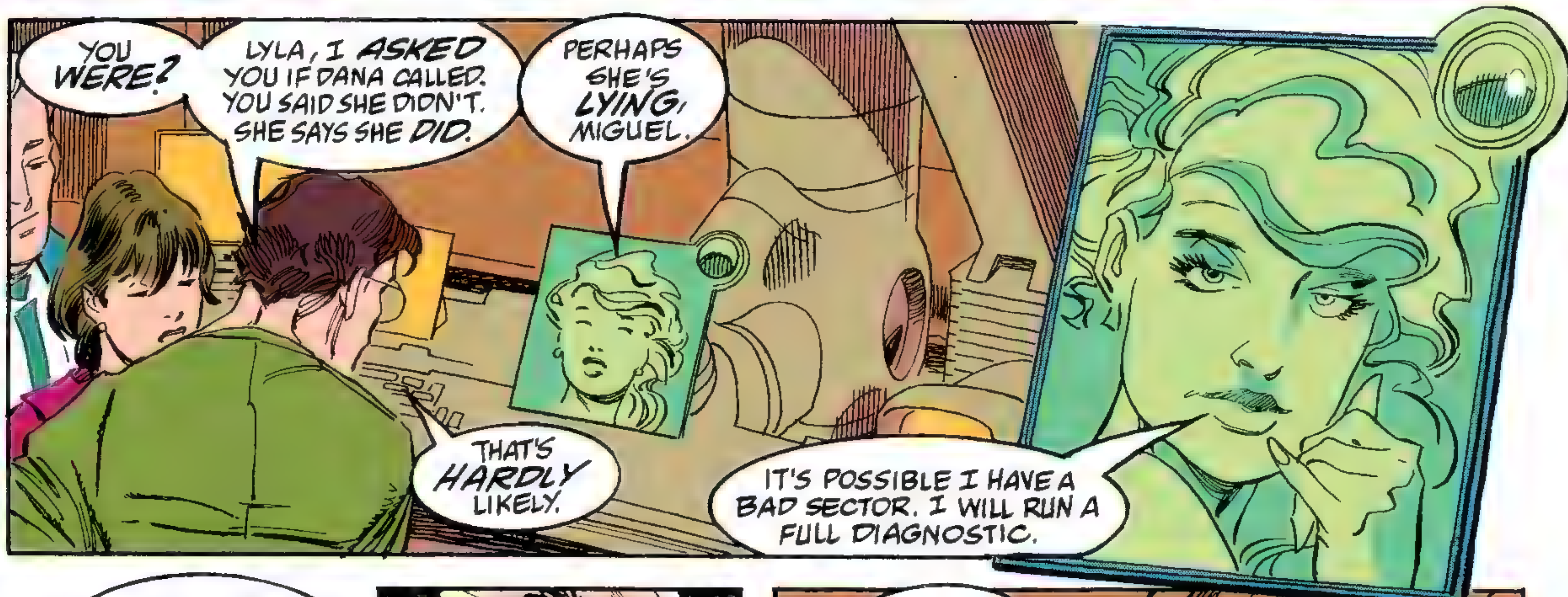
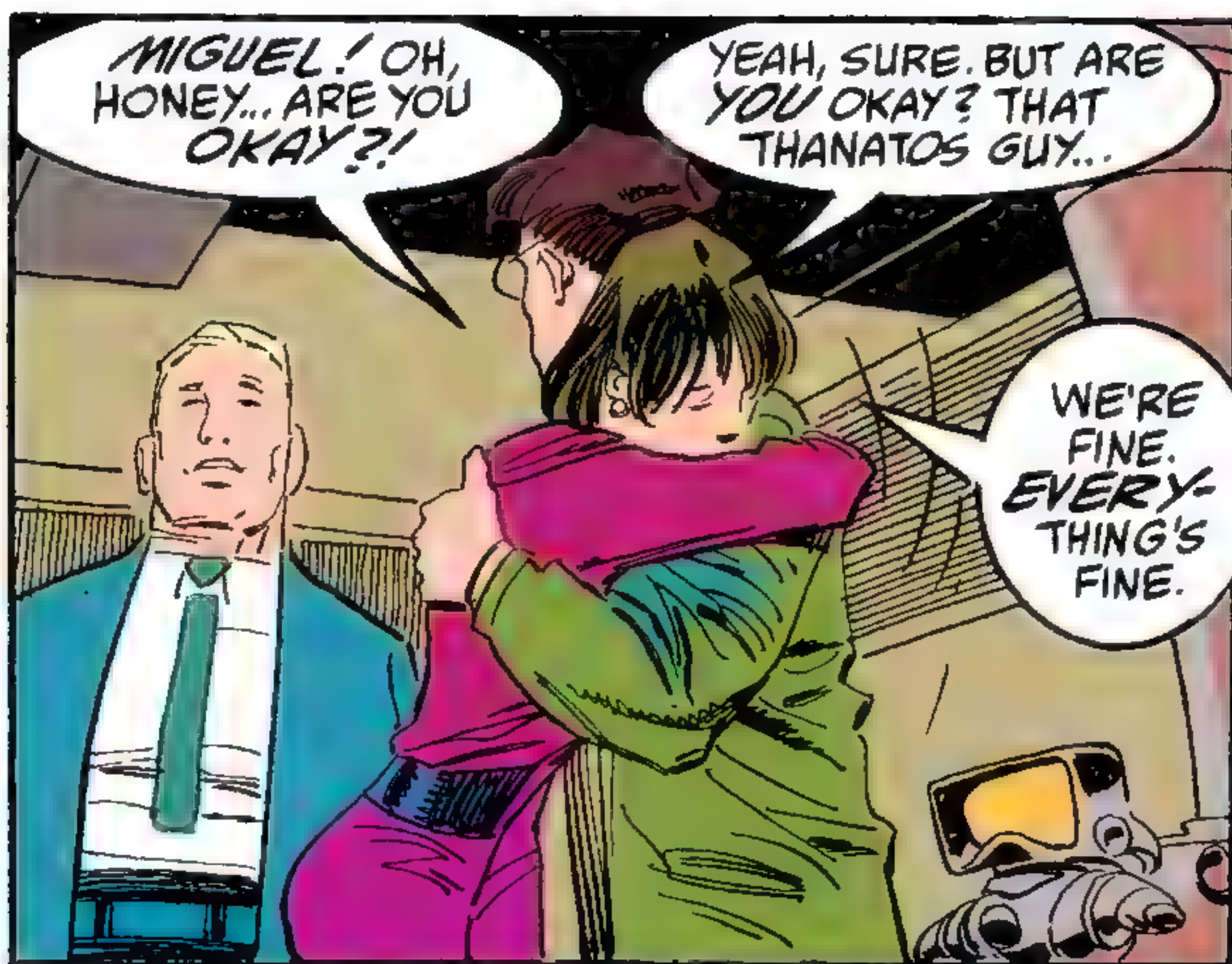
DITCH
ME!
GO
AHEAD!

IT'S NOT LIKE
IT'LL BE THE
FIRST TIME!



GEEZ.
WHAT'S HIS
PROBLEM?





THE
WELLVALE
HOME...

AND HOW ARE YOU
THIS FINE DAY,
MRS. O'HARA?

CARE
FOR A
CUPPA?

Keep your voice down,
Tux. You make such a show
of being casual, they can hear
you halfway to Nueva York.

What's the
word on the
net?

The Prophet of Thor has come.
And now the Harbinger...
Spider-Man...

...is all over Downtown,
fighting for the *little*
people. Making things
right.

Downtown. Haven't thought
of *that* place...

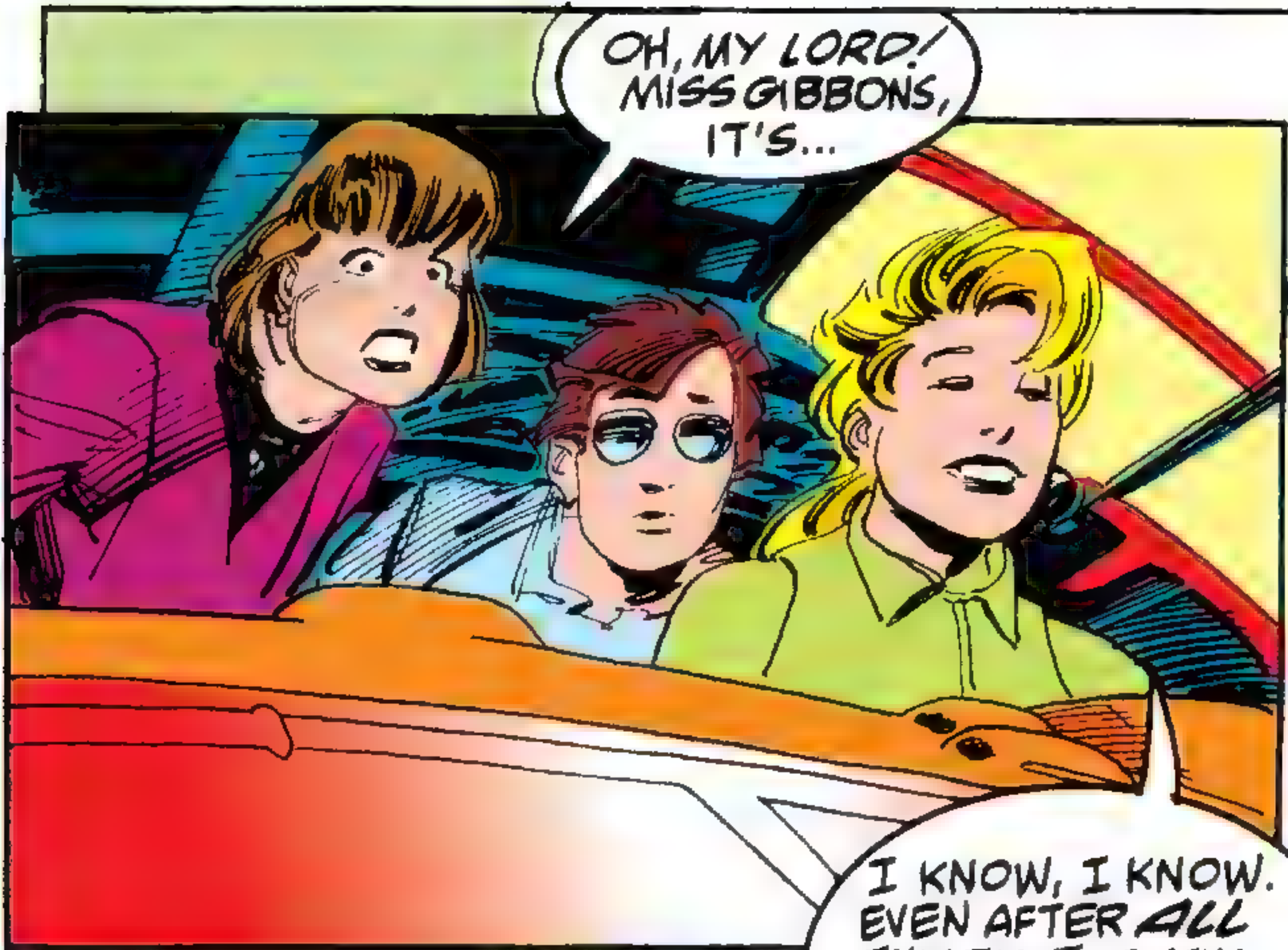
... since I sold
my soul to get
out of it.

But now Spider-Man is
showing the way. This
whole "Thor returns"
thing... I'm not sure
how much I buy into
that.

But if being Downtown is good
enough for *Spider-Man*, it
should be good enough
for me.

Sold
your
soul...?

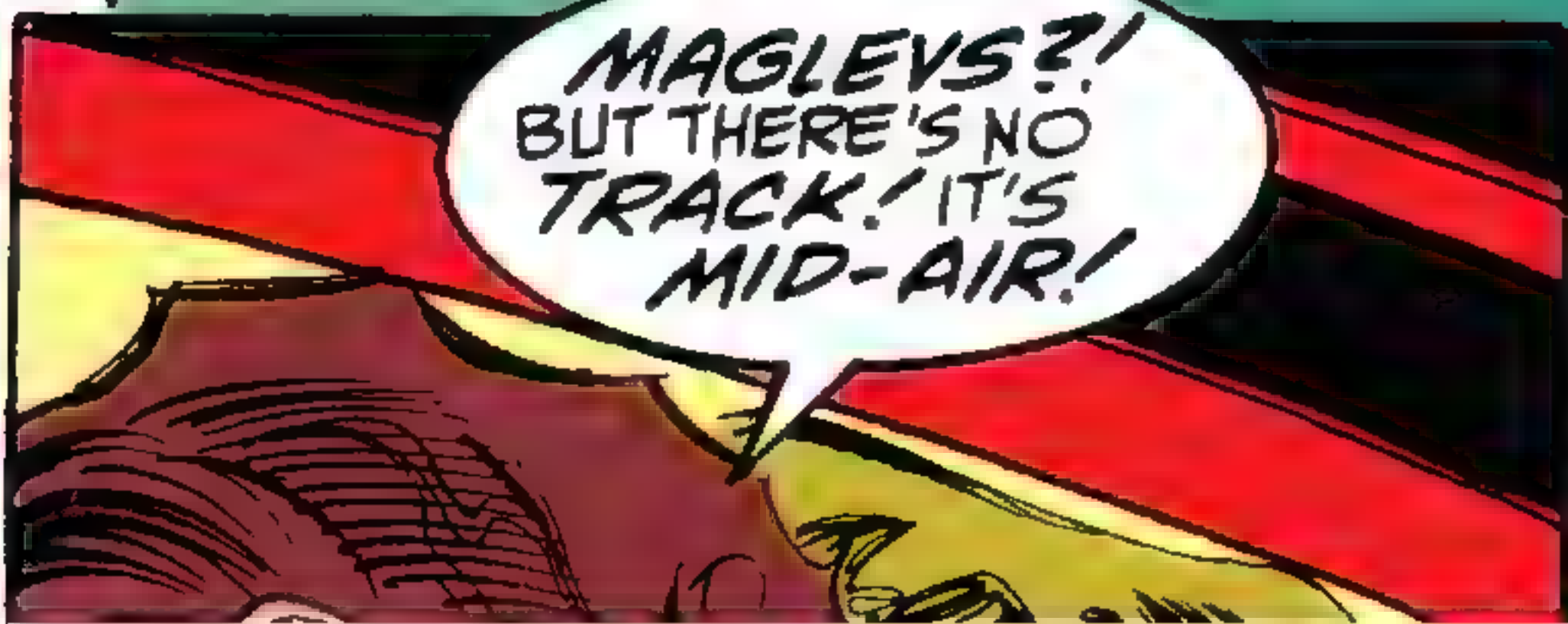
I did wicked
things, Tux. I've
tried to repent,
but never
succeeded.



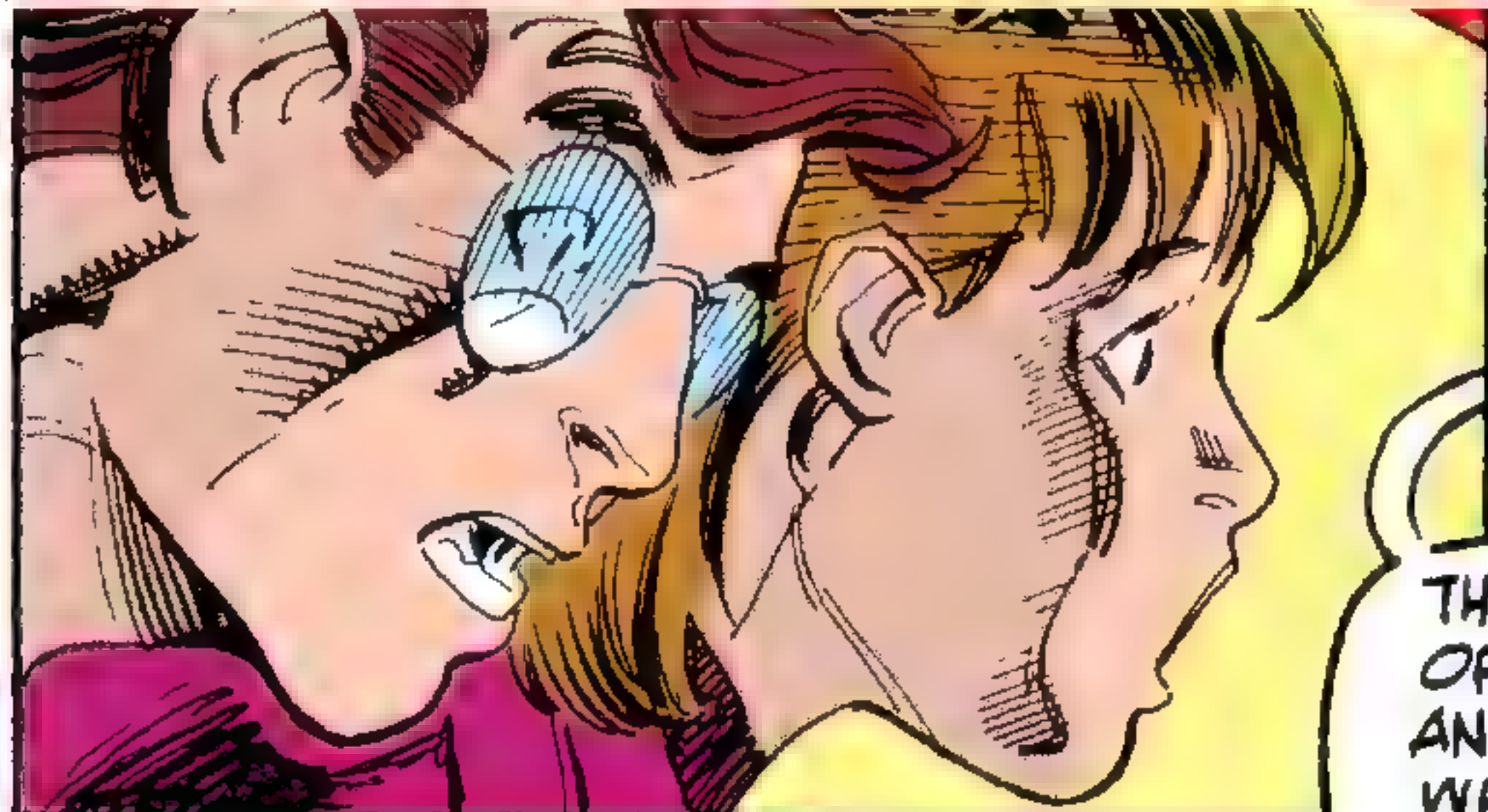
OH, MY LORD!
MISS GIBBONS,
IT'S...

I KNOW, I KNOW.
EVEN AFTER **ALL**
THIS TIME, I STILL
GET A CHARGE
EVERY TIME I
APPROACH...

...THE FLOATING
CITY, ACCESSIBLE BY
SKYCARS AND STANDARD
MAGLEV CARS.

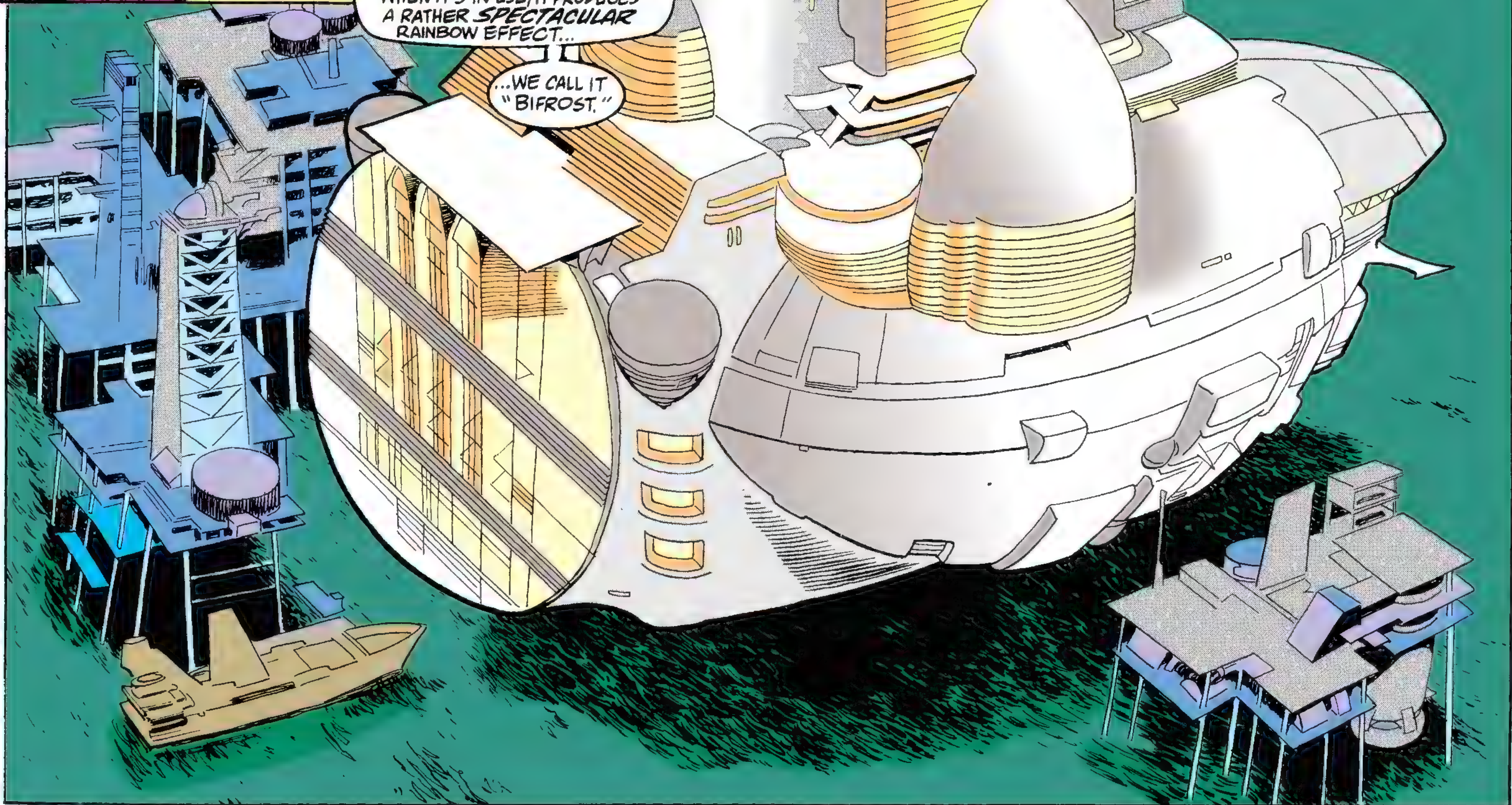


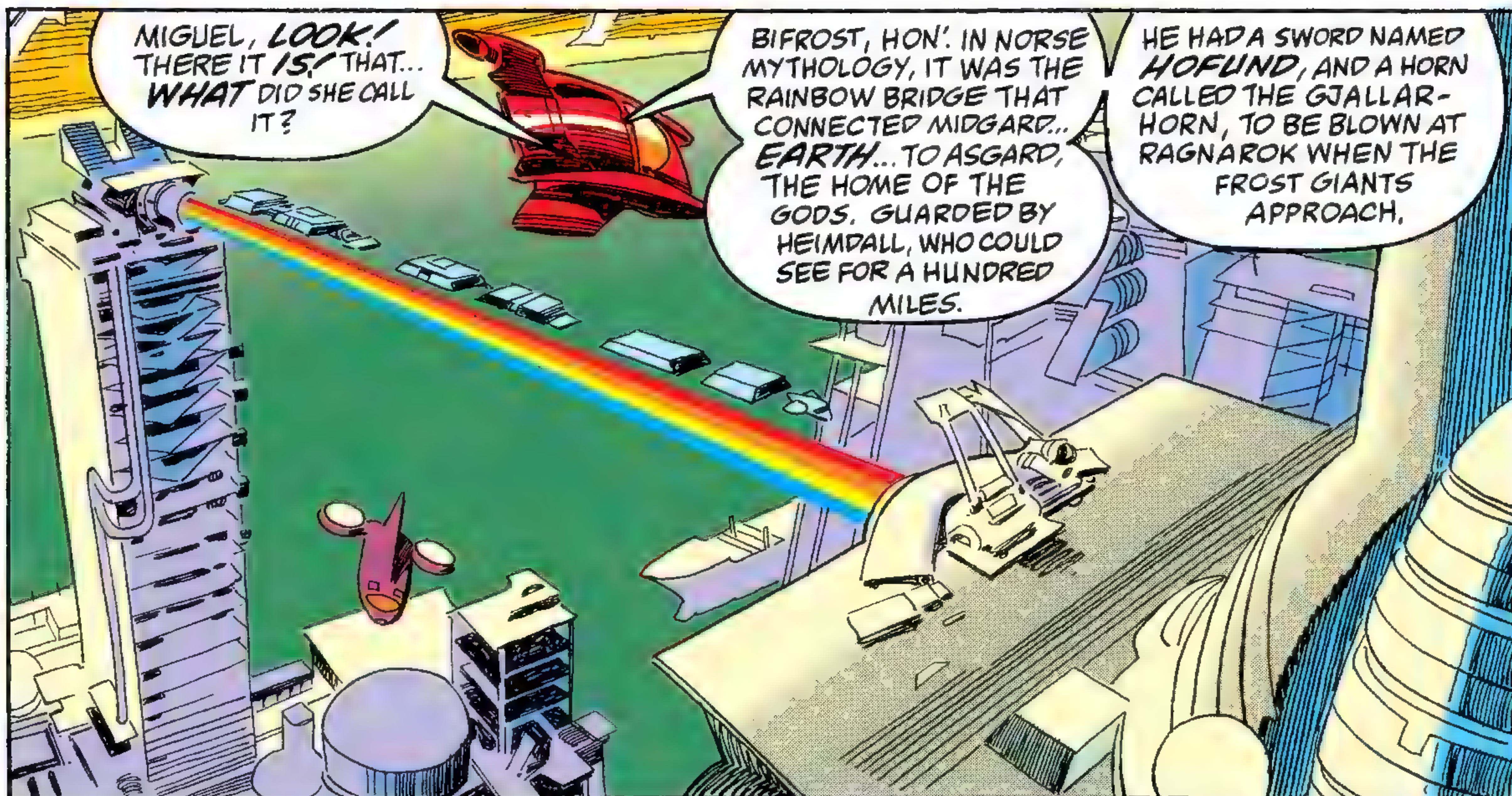
MAGLEVS?!
BUT THERE'S NO
TRACK! IT'S
MID-AIR!



THERE'S A BRIDGE COMPOSED
OF A MIXTURE OF MAGLEV AND
ANTIGRAVITY PARTICLES.
WHEN IT'S IN USE, IT PRODUCES
A RATHER **SPECTACULAR**
RAINBOW EFFECT...

...WE CALL IT
"BIFROST."

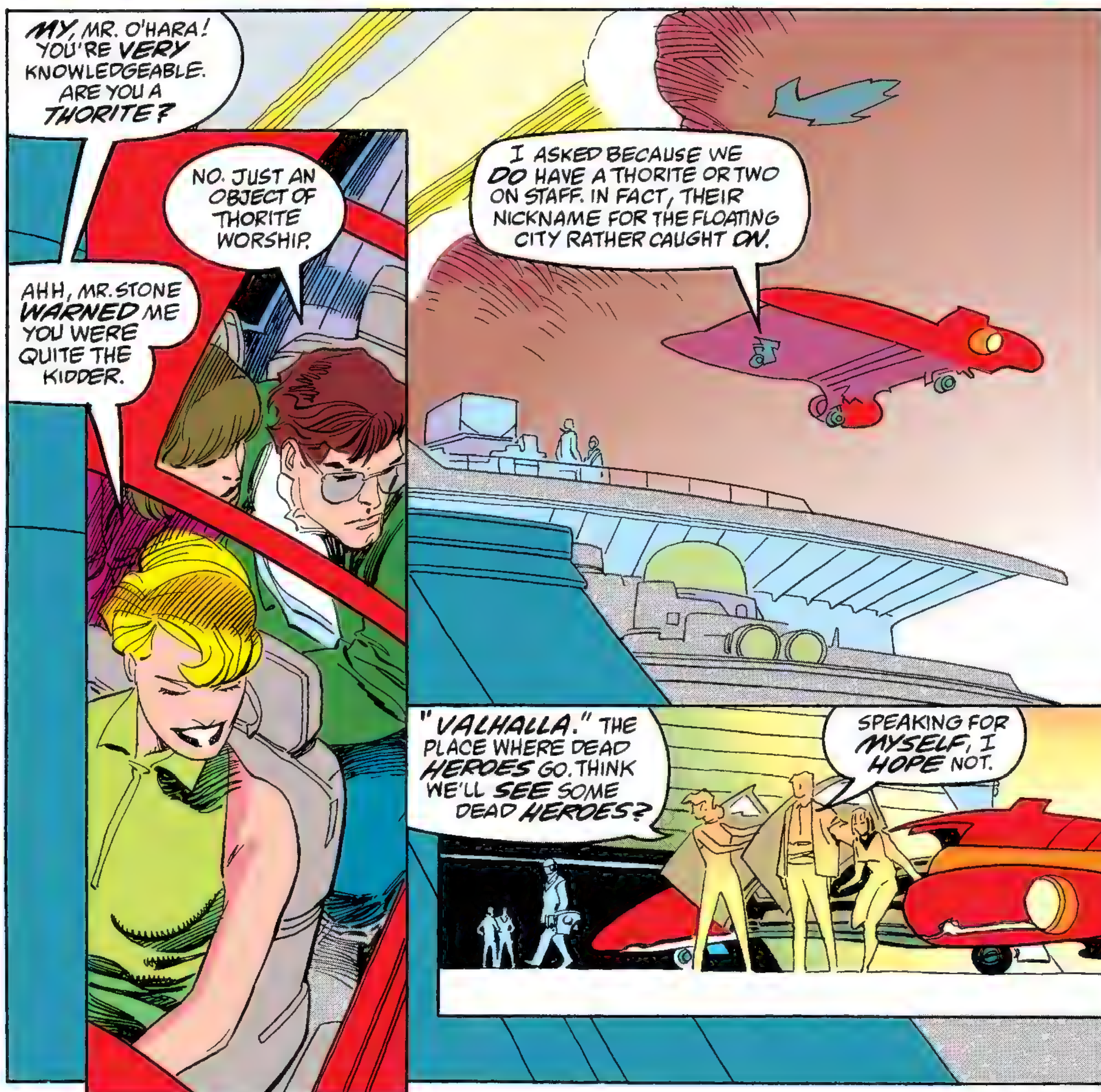




MIGUEL, LOOK!
THERE IT IS! THAT...
WHAT DID SHE CALL
IT?

BIFROST, HON'. IN NORSE
MYTHOLOGY, IT WAS THE
RAINBOW BRIDGE THAT
CONNECTED MIDGARD...
EARTH... TO ASGARD,
THE HOME OF THE
GODS. GUARDED BY
HEIMDALL, WHO COULD
SEE FOR A HUNDRED
MILES.

HE HAD A SWORD NAMED
HOFUND, AND A HORN
CALLED THE **GJALLAR-
HORN**, TO BE BLOWN AT
RAGNAROK WHEN THE
FROST GIANTS
APPROACH.



MY, MR. O'HARA!
YOU'RE **VERY**
KNOWLEDGEABLE.
ARE YOU A
THORITE?

NO. JUST AN
OBJECT OF
THORITE
WORSHIP.

AHH, MR. STONE
WARNED ME
YOU WERE
QUITE THE
KIDDER.

I ASKED BECAUSE WE
DO HAVE A THORITE OR TWO
ON STAFF. IN FACT, THEIR
NICKNAME FOR THE FLOATING
CITY RATHER CAUGHT ON.

"**VALHALLA**." THE
PLACE WHERE DEAD
HEROES GO. THINK
WE'LL **SEE** SOME
DEAD **HEROES**?

SPEAKING FOR
MYSELF, I
HOPE NOT.



WHAT'S EVERYONE
STANDING AROUND
AND *STARING* AT?

WE'RE ABOUT
TO BRING THE
MAIN SYSTEMS
ON-LINE, ALL AT
THE SAME TIME.

WE'VE BEEN
RUNNING *INDIVID-
UAL* TESTS ON
EVERYTHING, BUT
WE HAVEN'T
DONE A *UNIFORM*
ACTIVATION...



BECAUSE
YOU WERE
CONCERNED
THE DRAIN
MIGHT
OVERLOAD
THE POWER
GRID.

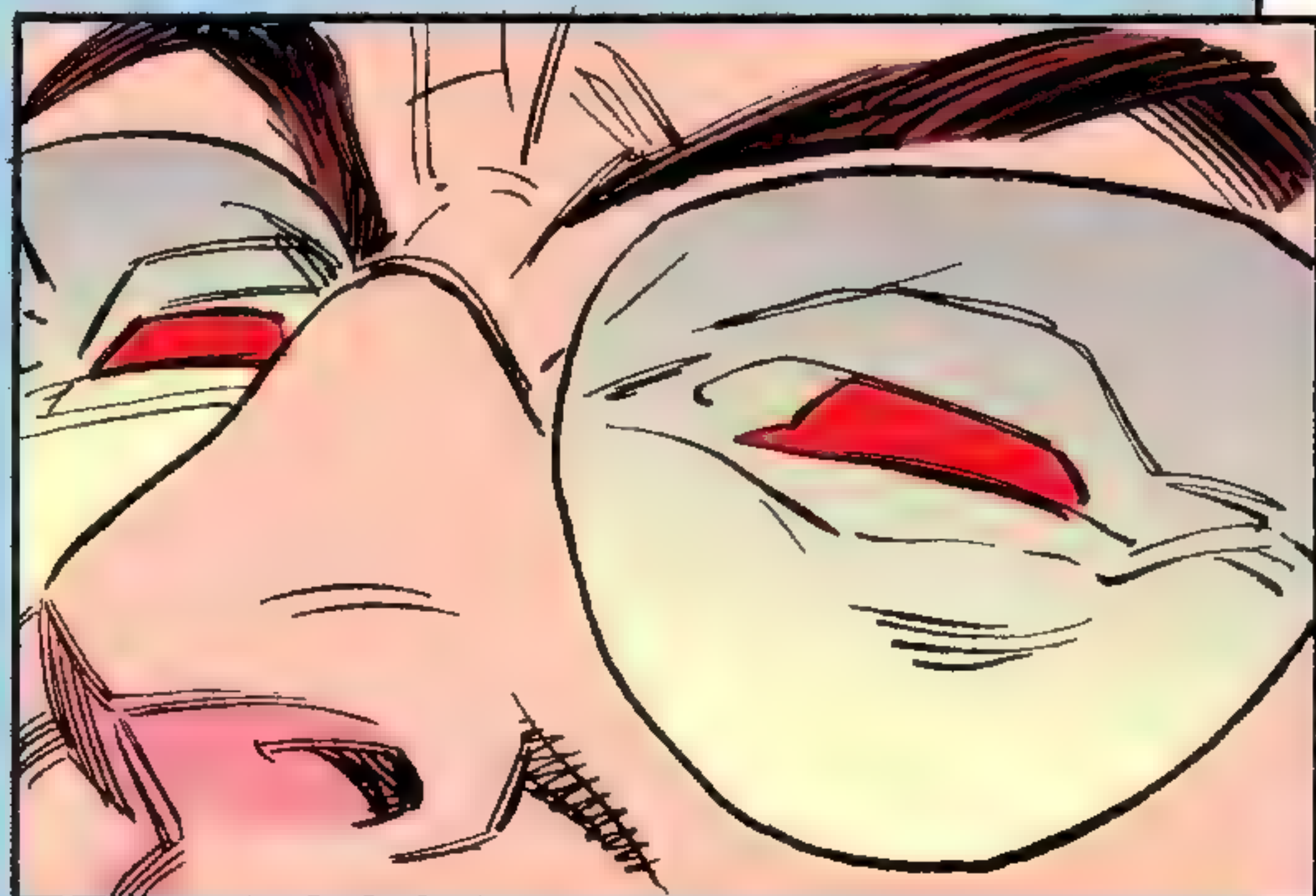
EXACTLY
RIGHT,
MR. O'HARA.

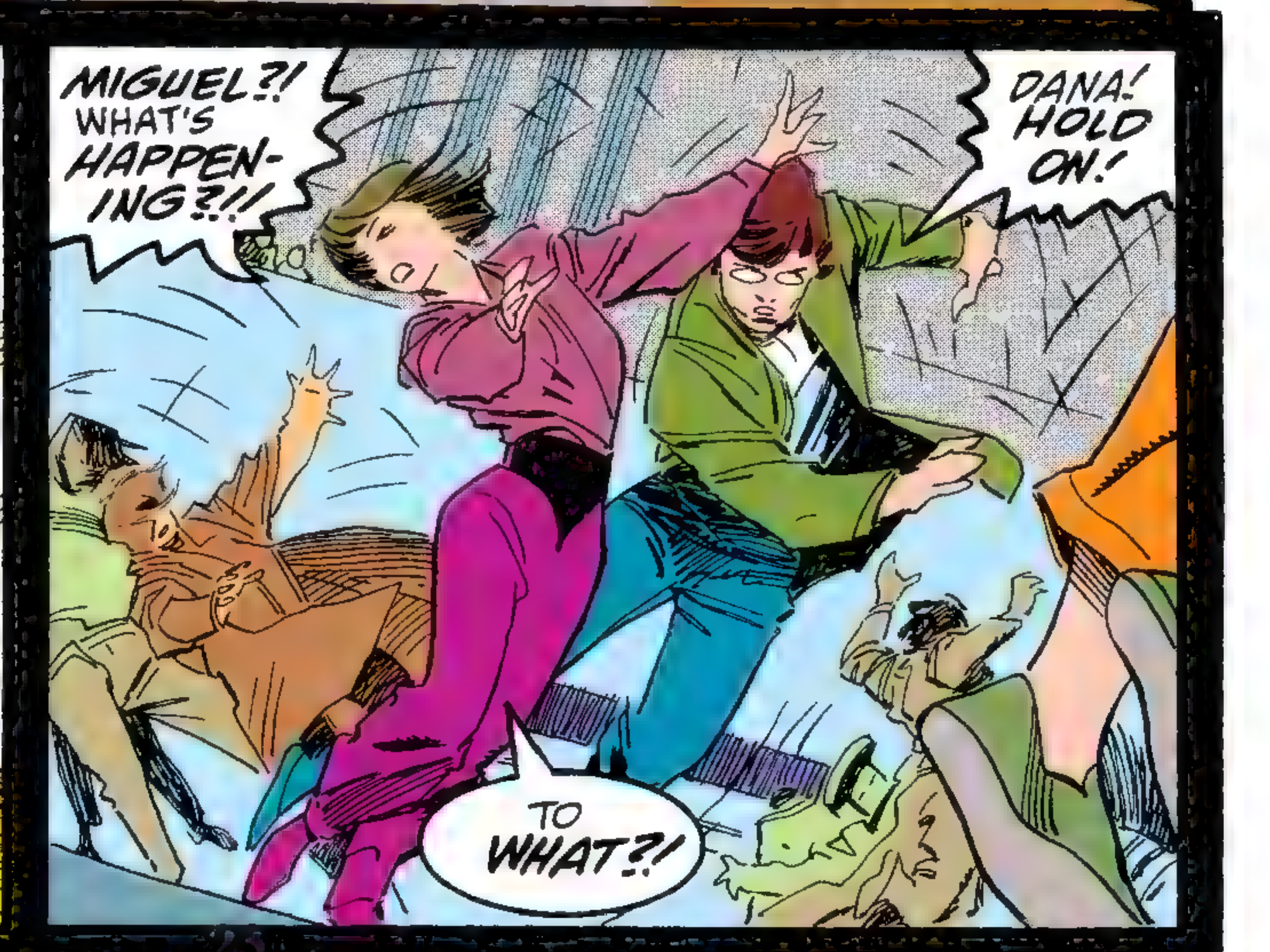
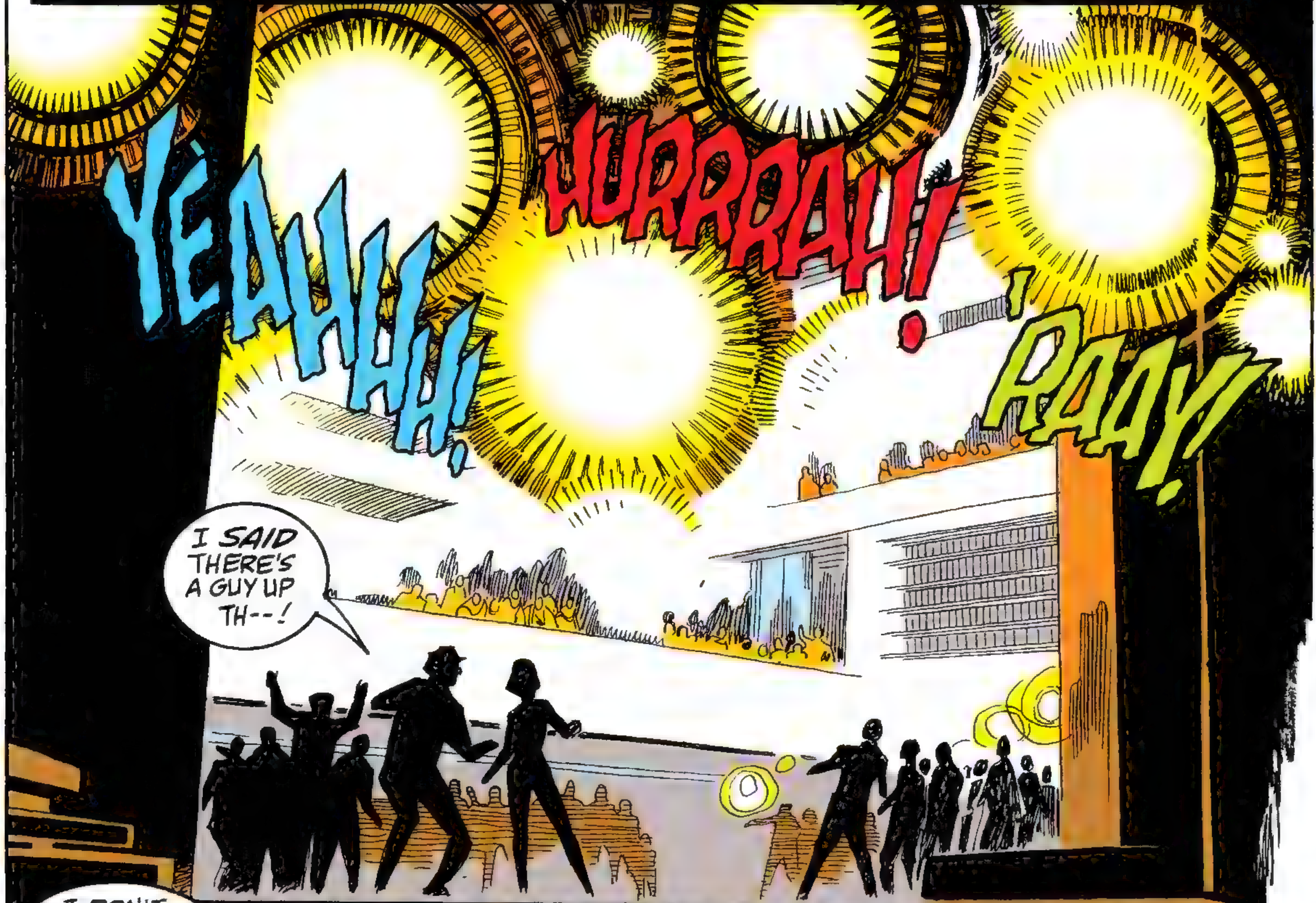
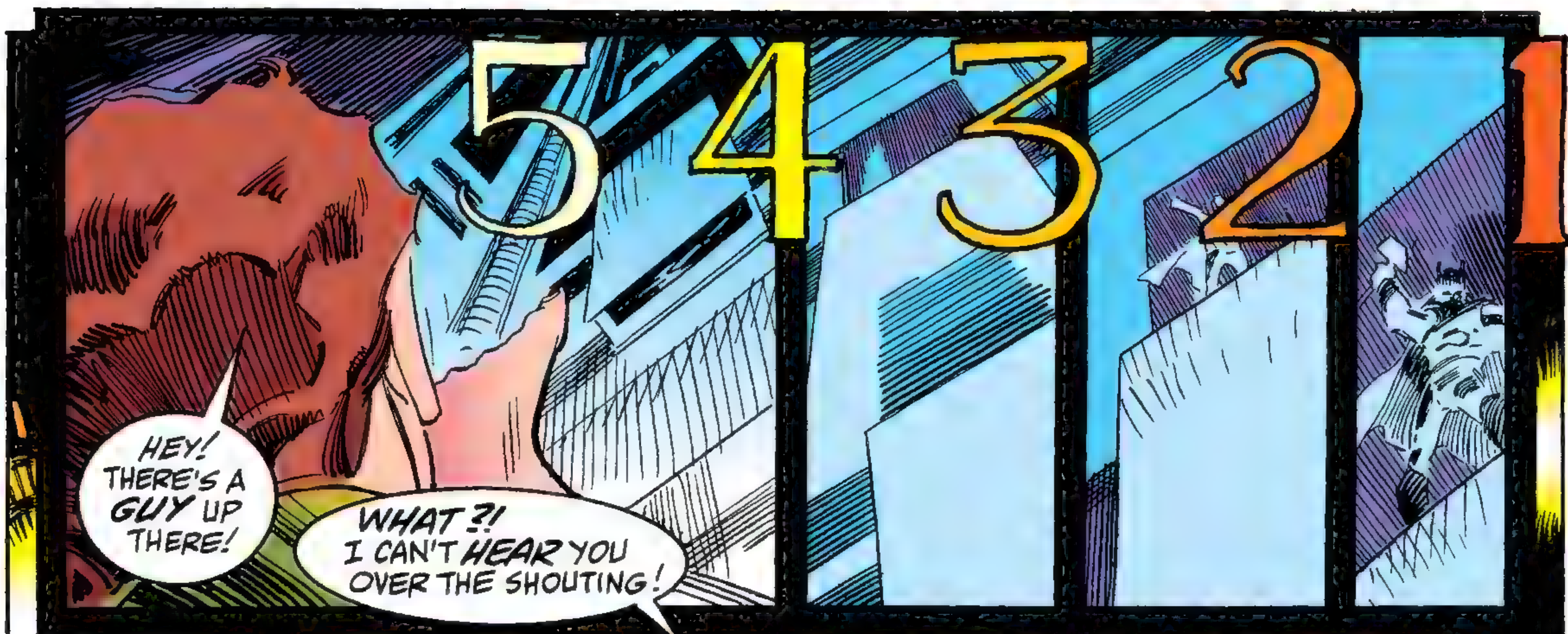


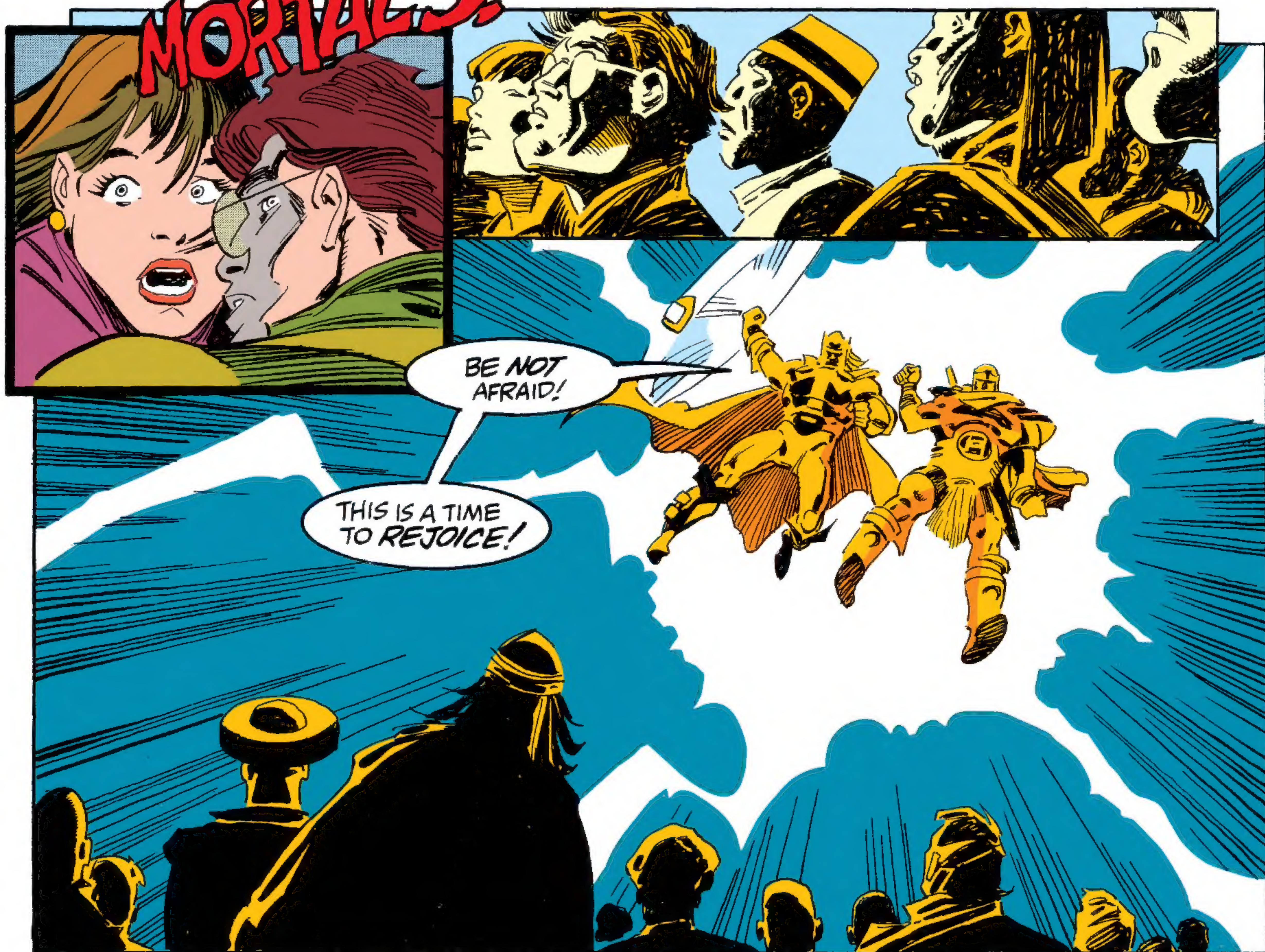
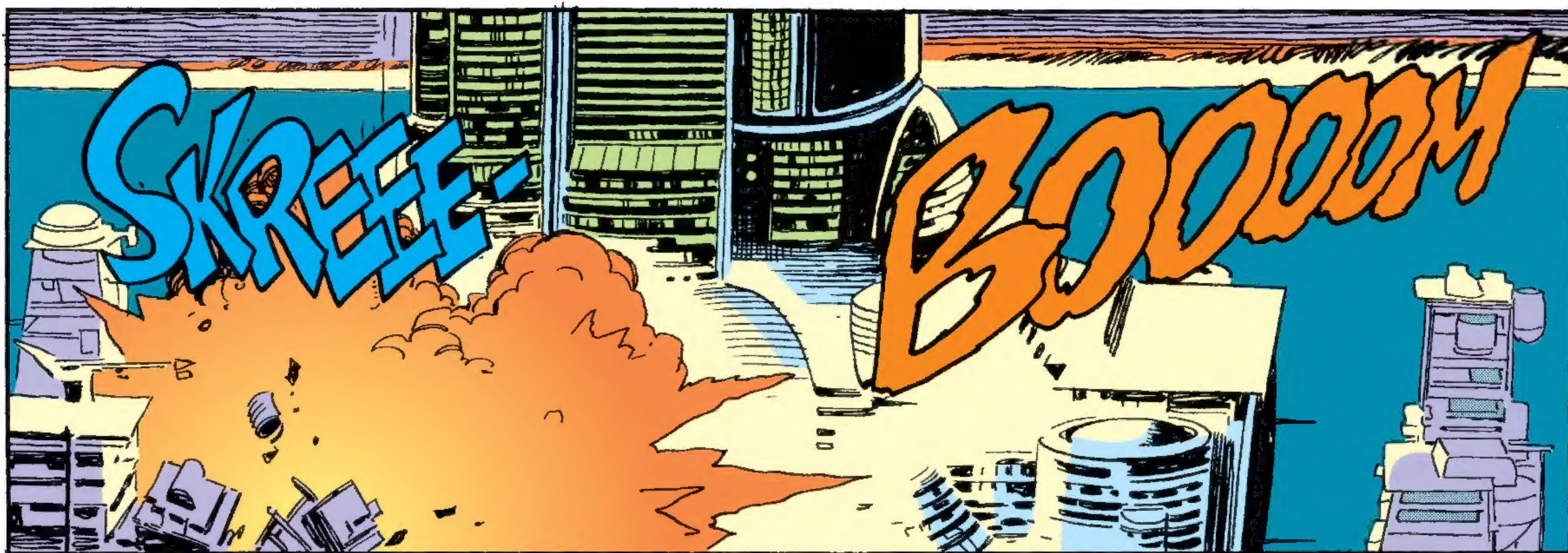
THIS IS THE
MOMENT
WE'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR: WHEN
VALHALLA
BECOMES
TOTALLY
SELF-
SUFFICIENT.



AFTER THE
START-UP, I'LL
BRING YOU OVER
TO THE *HYDRO-
PONICS* LAB, SO
YOU CAN SEE WHAT
OUR CO-VENTURE
WITH SYNTHIA
HAS BROUGHT
AB... *OH!* THE
COUNTDOWN'S
STARTING!







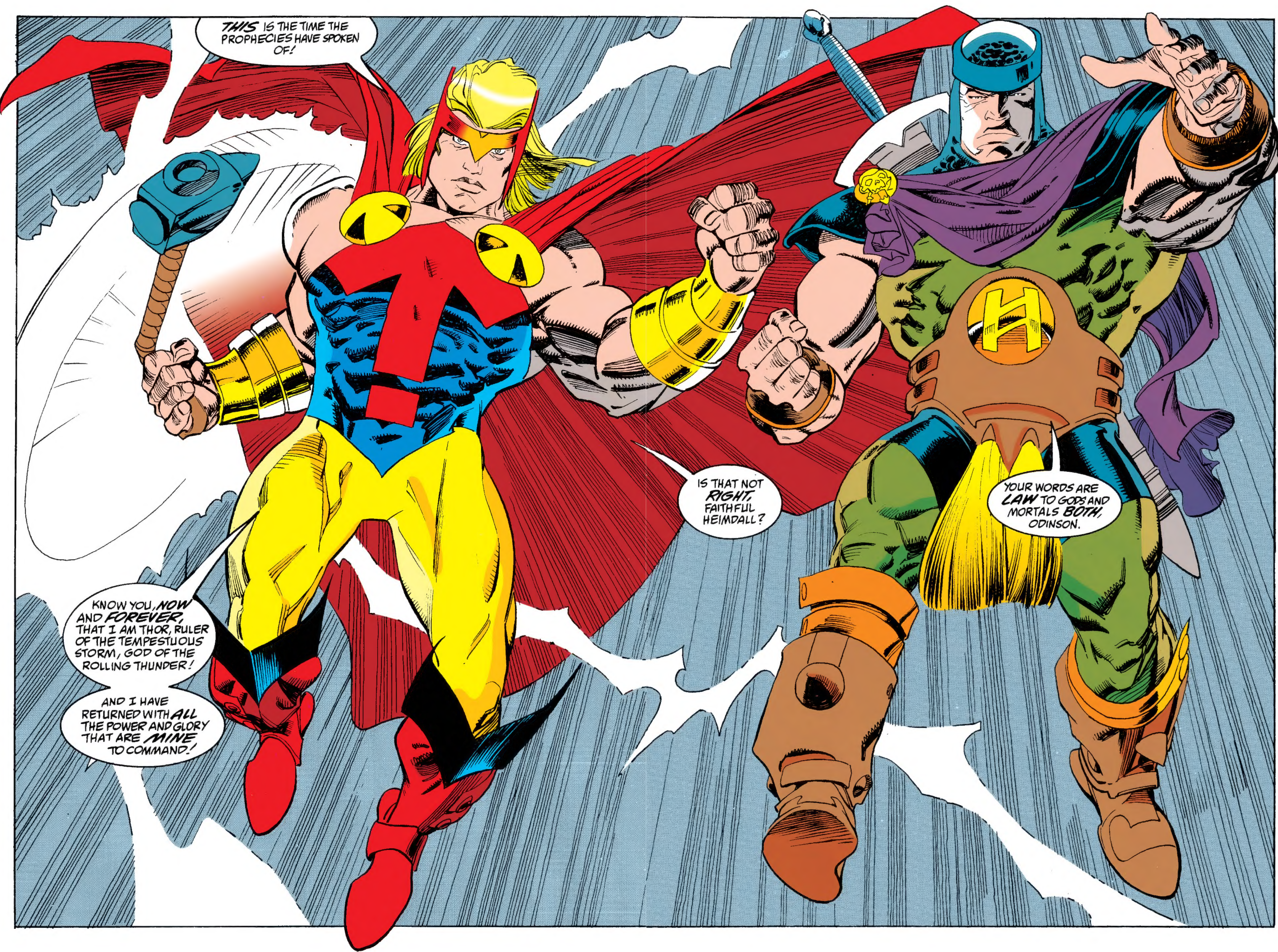
THIS IS THE TIME THE
PROPHECIES HAVE SPOKEN
OF!

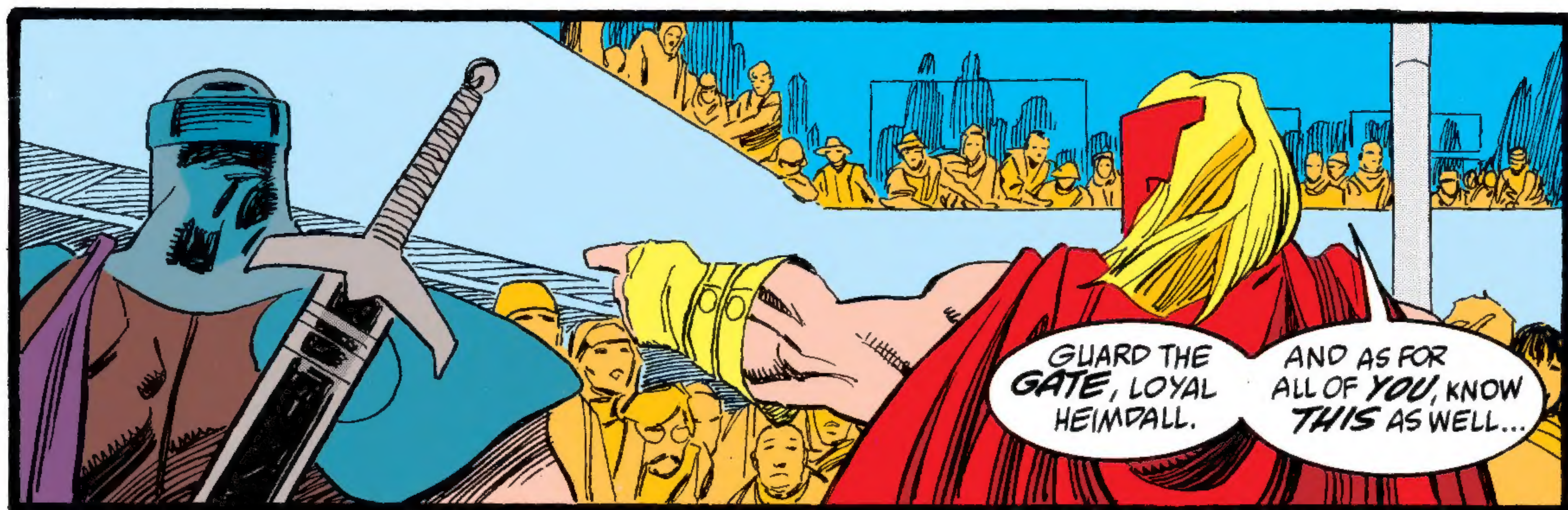
KNOW YOU, *NOW*
AND *FOREVER*,
THAT I AM THOR, RULER
OF THE TEMPESTUOUS
STORM, GOD OF THE
ROLLING THUNDER!

AND I HAVE
RETURNED WITH *ALL*
THE POWER AND GLORY
THAT ARE *MINE*
TO COMMAND!

IS THAT NOT
RIGHT,
FAITHFUL
HEIMDALL?

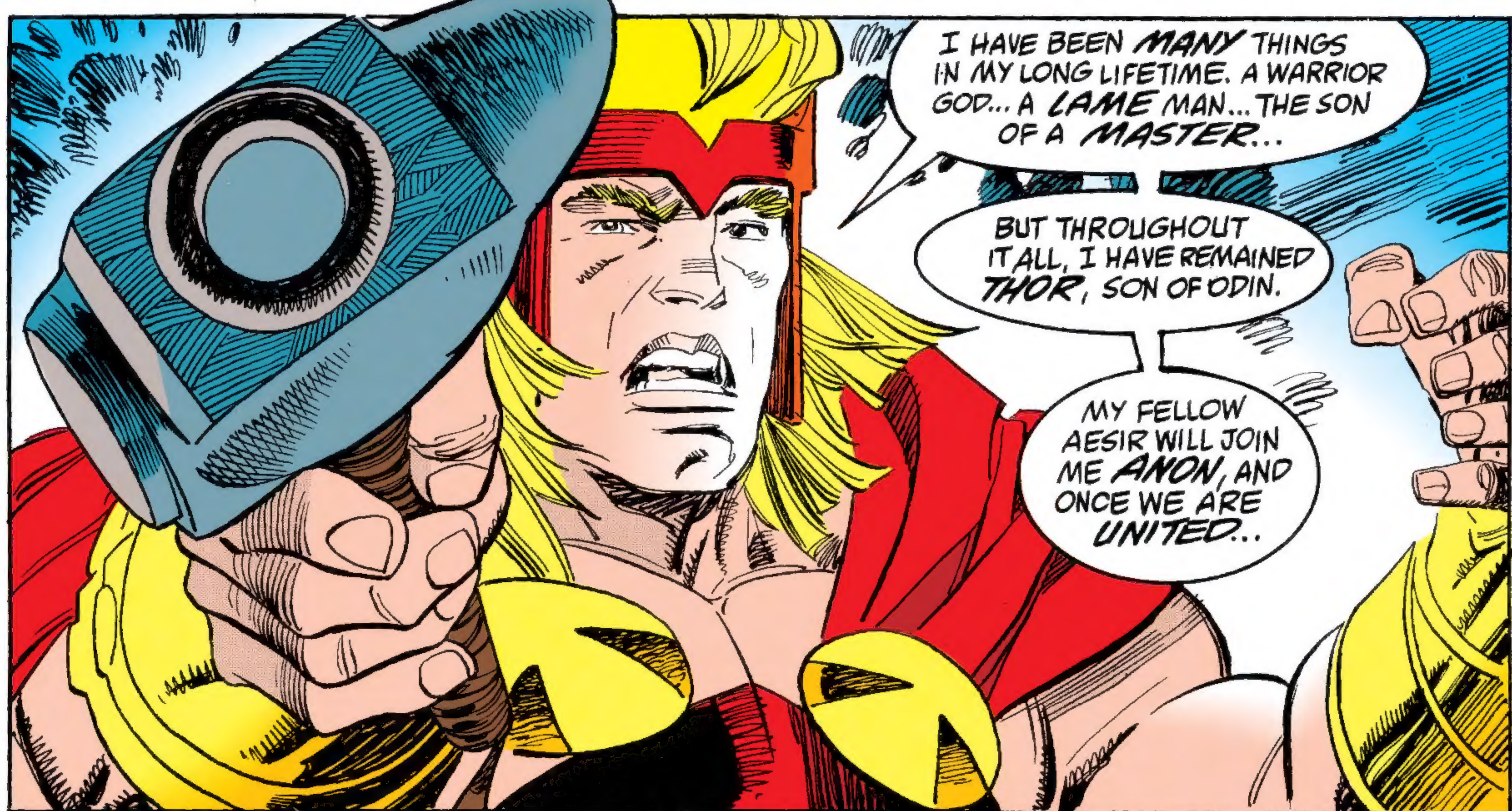
YOUR WORDS ARE
LAW TO GODS AND
MORTALS *BOTH*,
ODINSON.





GUARD THE
GATE, LOYAL
HEIMDALL.

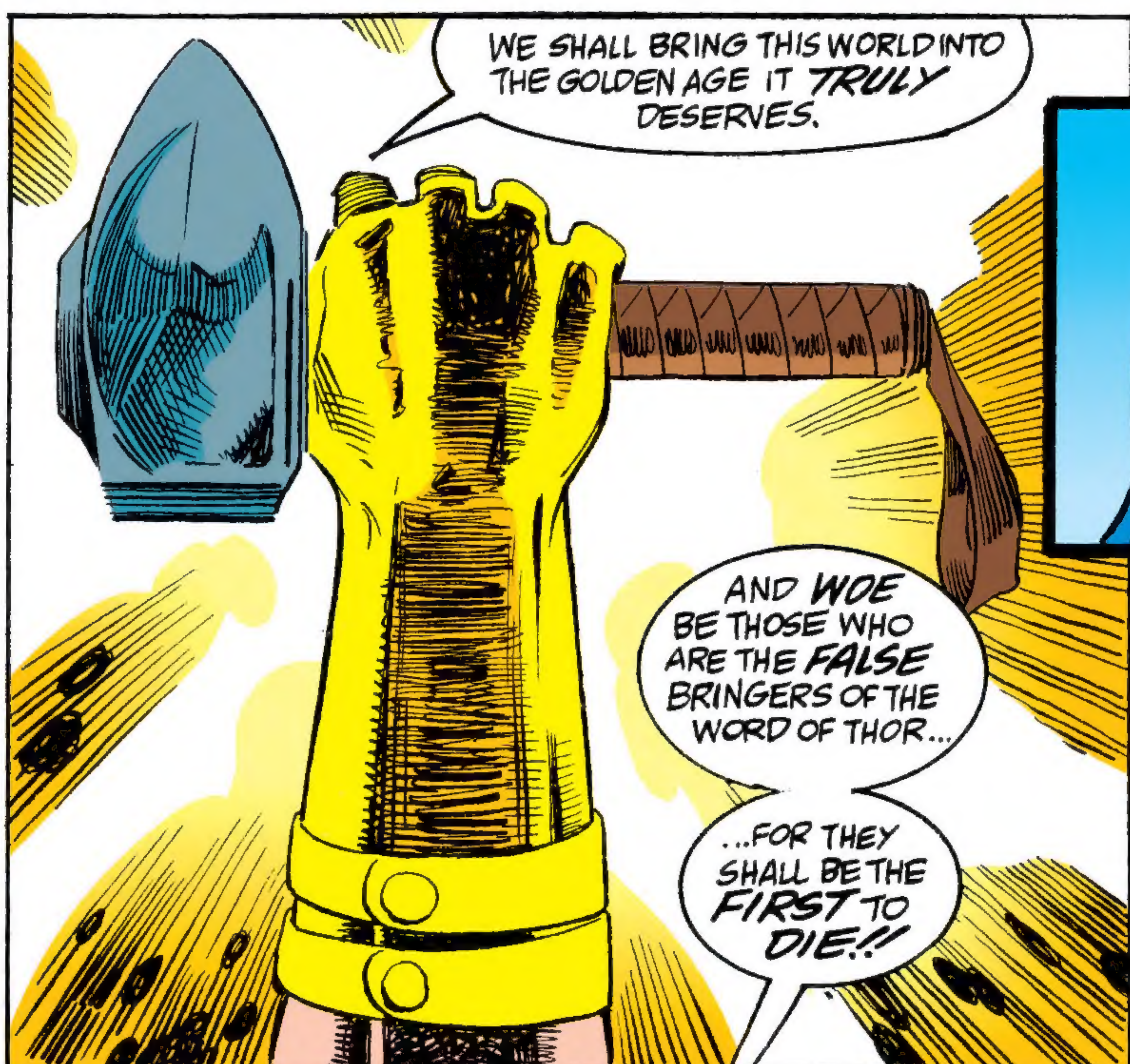
AND AS FOR
ALL OF **YOU**, KNOW
THIS AS WELL...



I HAVE BEEN **MANY** THINGS
IN MY LONG LIFETIME. A WARRIOR
GOD... A **LAME** MAN... THE SON
OF A **MASTER**...

BUT THROUGHOUT
IT ALL, I HAVE REMAINED
THOR, SON OF ODIN.

MY FELLOW
AESIR WILL JOIN
ME **ANON**, AND
ONCE WE ARE
UNITED...



WE SHALL BRING THIS WORLD INTO
THE GOLDEN AGE IT **TRULY**
DESERVES.

AND **WOE**
BE THOSE WHO
ARE THE **FALSE**
BRINGERS OF THE
WORD OF THOR...

...FOR THEY
SHALL BE THE
FIRST TO
DIE!!



Next:
NEXT MONTH, THE
WAIT IS OVER!
The Fall of the
HAMMER!

